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***The Couch Family***

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## PREFACE

The purpose in making this record, which has been done with some labor and many delays, is to hand down to future generations as true a record as can be procured from the statistics at hand. We have traced the family as far back as the middle of the eighteenth century, which is the beginning of the Couch family in America. We hope that future generations will continue the record as the family increases.

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A few years prior to the War of the Revolution three brothers, James, Samuel and Meshach Couch, landed in America from the shores of "Old England." During this war they resided in the state of Maryland.

We have no record of the families of James or Samuel. It is in Meshach that we are especially interested, he being the founder of the branch of the Couch family to which we belong.

Meshach Couch was born Sept. 8, 1743, in England, being of Scotch and English descent. On Dec. 30, 1773, he married Mary Welch. She was born April 16, 1758, in Maryland.

To them were born thirteen children:

Sally, born April 16, 1775. Married Thos. Stack of North Carolina.

Samuel, born April 7, 1777.

Charlotte, born Jan. 19; 1779. Married Thos. Rook of North Carolina.

Phoebe, born Nov. 10, 1780. Married Jonathan Iddings.

James, born Jan. 25, 1783.

Joseph, born Oct. 29, 1784.

Mary, born Nov. 21, 1786.

Nathan, born Dec. 8, 1788.

John, born Dec. 15, 1790.

Meshach, born May 28, 1793. Married Elizabeth H. Mills in North Carolina.

Piercy, born Aug. 8, 1795.

Joshua, born June 7, 1797.

Priscilla, born Sept. 29, 1799. Married Jordan Wright.

Meshach Couch died June 3, 1824.

Mary Welch Couch died January 11, 1832.

There are no complete records of these thirteen children of Meshach and Mary Couch except Meshach Couch, the tenth child, whose descendants are the subject of this genealogy.



### MESHACH COUCH, 3rd.

Meshach Couch was born on May 28, 1793, in Guilford Co., North Carolina. On January 25, 1816, near Martinsville, Battle Co., N. C., he married Elizabeth Mills. She was the youngest daughter of Amos and Elizabeth Horn Mills and was born March 28, 1793.

Meshach Couch learned and followed the cooper's trade and afterward became a farmer. On leaving the south he moved to Indiana and cast his lot with the early settlers of Fayette County, whence he afterward moved to Randolph County where he died on March 19, 1858.

Elizabeth Mills Couch died May 9, 1853. She was a member of the Society of Friends.

To Meshach and Elizabeth Couch were born seven children.

- I. Joseph Anderson, born June 4, 1820.
- II. Jeremiah Franklin, born Nov. 16, 1821.
- III. Charlotte, born March 30, 1824.
- IV. Mary, born Dec. 28, 1827.
- V. Meshach, born Jan. 10, 1830.
- VI. Maria Elizabeth, born June 28, 1833.
- VII. Nathan Alexander, born June 2, 1838.



## I. JOSEPH ANDERSON COUCH.

Joseph Anderson Couch was born in Guilford Co., N. C., on June 4, 1820, and spent his young manhood in that state. On Sept. 1, 1842, he married Jemima Wilson in Guilford Co., N. C. She was born Feb. 18, 1819.

To them were born four children:

1. Cummins Wier, born June 8, 1843.
2. Joel C., born Sept. 30, 1845.
3. Piety Ann, born March 25, 1848.
4. Martha Maria, born Jan. 10, 1850.

Jemima Wilson Couch died in March, 1848, in Randolph Co., Ind.

On March 8, 1852, Meshach Couch married Ruth M. Coffin, who was the daughter of Harvey and Rachel Coffin. She was born July 3, 1831, in Guilford Co., N. C.

To them were born twelve children:

5. Harvey Meshach, born Dec. 14, 1852.
6. Lydia Catherine, born March 2, 1854.
7. Rachel Elizabeth, born June 19, 1855.
8. Mary Jane, born Feb. 18, 1857.
9. George W., born Nov. 22, 1858.
10. Sarah Hannah, born Nov. 17, 1860.
11. Milton Marion, born March 7, 1862.
12. Deborah Ellen, born Feb. 7, 1864.
13. James Anderson, born Dec. 18, 1867.
14. Eli B. J., born Jan. 18, 1868.
15. Henry Eddie, born Nov. 3, 1870.
16. Charles, born Sept. 21, 1872.

The eldest son, Cummins Wier, was born in North Carolina. Shortly after his birth J. A. Couch moved his little family to Randolph Co., Indiana. Here Joel C. and Martha Maria and Piety Ann were born. Harvey M. Lydia C. and Rachel E. were all born in Indiana. Martha Maria, Lydia C. and Rachel E. all died in infancy while their parents lived in this state. In the autumn of 1855 the call of the West became insistent with this family and loading belongings and family in one wagon drawn by a three horse team, J. Anderson Couch started for Iowa. Wier was then twelve years old and Joel was but ten. We can imagine the crowded condition of the one wagon so to these two sturdy young chaps was delegated the task of driving the cattle and sheep, Wier driving the cattle and Joel driving the sheep. It would be hard for us to imagine at this day and age of easy transportation of live stock, the necessity for driving cattle and sheep the distance from Indiana to Iowa. Yet these two lads walked the entire way—following the stock. At that time not a mile of railroad was built in Iowa. The Mississippi was crossed at Burlington by steam ferry. The Des Moines River was crossed by pontoon bridge.

The twenty-fifth of November these pioneers reached Adel, then known as Penoach. The winter was spent three miles east of the present town of Redfield, then known as Irishtown, in a double hewed log house, the



family of W. L. Macy occupying one half. The trip to Iowa had taken a month. In the spring of 1856 J. Anderson Couch built a log house a quarter of a mile south of the present residence of Harvey M. Couch, where with the exception of his later years, he spent the remainder of his life. The rigors of the trip west and of the first years in their new location can scarcely be imagined. Neighbors were scarce as the county was not so thickly settled as it now is. The grit and backbone required to hew out a home in the comparative wilderness as it existed at that time can hardly be conceived. However it was done and a family reared. The latter part of the life of J. Anderson Couch was spent in Arkansas, where the climate was a little less rigorous and the health of both Mr. and Mrs. Couch was better. Ruth Coffin Couch passed away July 5, 1895. Almost eight years later on July 3, 1903, Joseph Anderson Couch died. Both are buried at Lone Elm Cemetery near Siloam Springs.

#### 1. Cummins Wier Couch.

Cummins Wier Couch, eldest son of J. Anderson and Jemima W. Couch, was born June 8, 1843, in North Carolina. August 9, 1862, he enlisted in the army at the age of 19 years. On June 5, 1865, he was mustered out. In the fall of the same year he was married in Indiana to Betsey Wilson. The following winter he died of bronchitis.

#### 2. Joel C. Couch

Joel C. Couch, second son of Anderson and Jemima W. Couch, was born Sept. 29, 1845 in Randolph Co., Indiana. He came to Iowa in 1855. On Nov. 15, 1863, he married Rachel Ann Sheridan, who was born in Indiana in 1841, and who died the year following this marriage.

On Feb. 22, 1879, he married Sarah Ellen Francis, who was born in Randolph Co., Indiana, on Dec. 1, 1856. To this union was born four children: Flora Alice, Orville Otto, Bertrand Franklin, and Phoebe Anna. Joel Couch died on Feb. 24, 1924, and Ellen Couch died Mar. 10, 1922.

#### I. Flora Alice Couch.

Flora Alice Couch was born Dec. 17, 1879, near Adel, Iowa. On June 28, 1906, she was married to Thos W. Alston who was born near Eddyville, Iowa on March 21, 1876. Alice Alston died June 21, 1930. Mrs. Alston graduated from the Conservatory of Music at Leander Clark College at Toledo, Iowa in 1899, and later taught music. Mr. and Mrs. Alston engaged in farming until her death. To them was born one child, Thomas Clarkson Alston, on June 26, 1919.

1. Thomas Clarkson Alston, born on June 26, 1919, was married to Leota Fay Parrish on May 29, 1942, who was born Oct. 12, 1920 at Des Moines, Iowa. Leota attended school at North High, in Des Moines, Iowa. After



her graduation she worked as typist and bookkeeper for the Westing Photo Service. In 1942 and 1943, she worked for the Tacoma-Seattle Ship Building Co., at Tacoma, Wash., later working at the San Bernadino Air Depot at San Bernadino, Calif. In 1944 and 1945, she worked for the Army Air Forces in Washington, D. C., doing office work. Mr. and Mrs. Alston have two sons, Thomas Lee, born Aug. 2, 1946, and Robert Dean, born Nov. 9, 1947. Clarkson graduated from the Adel High School in May, 1935. He then worked for the Myers Chevrolet Co. until he entered the Service in March, 1941. After returning from the Army, he is again employed by the Myers Chevrolet Co., as bookkeeper. They now live in Adel, Iowa.

### **II. Otto Orville Couch.**

Otto Orville Couch was born at Adel, Iowa, on March 7, 1881. On January 29, 1908, he was married to Myrtle Mae Fox who was born Nov. 5, 1885 at Adel, Iowa. To them was born one child, Thelma Carolyn on Dec. 10, 1911. Otto attended Leander Clark College and Iowa Business College in Des Moines. Mrs. Couch graduated from the Adel High School.

1. Thelma Carolyn Couch graduated from the Adel High School in 1929. She also finished business school two years later at Des Moines, Iowa. On Sept. 29, 1934, she was married to Raymond LeRoy Spooner, who was born on Aug. 25, 1912. To this union was born one child, Bonnie Marlene on Sept. 16, 1936. They now live in Des Moines where Raymond is employed by the Luthe Hardware Wholesale Co.

Otto and Myrtle Couch also raised a foster child from five months of age, Lorrie Lee Burkhead, who was born Feb. 12, 1924, north of Adel, Iowa. He graduated from Adel High School in 1942 and spent two years overseas in the service of the SeaBees in World War Two. On Nov. 3, 1946, he was married to Roberta DeCamp, who was born Feb. 28, 1923. To them was born a son, Danny Lee, on April 11, 1948. Lee now owns and operates a blacksmith and welding shop at Kennedy Station, where they also live.

### **III. Bertrand Franklin Couch.**

Bertrand Franklin Couch was born at Adel, on March 12, 1883. In Nov. 1905 at Topeka, Kansas, he married Ada Lee DeMumbrum who was born at Selma, Calif., on June 10, 1888. To them was born three children: Bernard Lee, Alice Evelyn, and Francis Evan. Bert attended Leander Clark College at Toledo, Iowa, and finished a business course at the Iowa Business College in Des Moines. The first seven years after marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Couch lived in Mexico, leaving there in April, 1914, on account of the uprising. In Sept. 1914, they went to Idaho Springs, Colorado, where Bert was employed by the Argo Mining Co. as stenographer, and bookkeeper. From there they moved to Reno, Nevada, where he is employed as instructor in the School of Mines there.

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1. Bernard Lee Couch was born on July 18, 1908. He was married to Ellen Marie Olson in Sept. 1937, in Ely, Nevada. Ellen Marie was born in Reno, Nevada, March 7, 1909. To them was born two children, Barbara Lee, born Dec. 31, 1940, and David Bruce, born Oct. 14, 1942.

2. Alice Evelyn Couch was born Sept. 29, 1910.

3. Francis Evan Couch was born June 19, 1914.

#### **IV. Phoebe Anna Couch.**

Phoebe Anna Couch was born at Adel, Iowa, on June 15, 1885. On Jan. 1, 1903, at Adel, Iowa, she was married to William Emmett Hougham, who was born at Pleasantville, Iowa, on June 13, 1875. To them were born three children: Vera Louise, Russell Lowell, and Inez Pearl. Will Hougham attended Leander Clark College at Toledo, Iowa. He later taught school in Dallas Co., for two years. Mr. and Mrs. Hougham engaged in farming, moving to Velva, North Dakota in March 1910, where they resided until 1931, when they moved back to their farm southwest of Adel. They resided there until the spring of 1939 when they moved to Adel because of Mr. Hougham's health. On June 17, 1940, he passed away at their home in Adel. Since then Anna Hougham and daughter, Inez, have resided in Adel where Anna Hougham has been employed as head cook in the Adel Schools for the past seven years.

1. Vera Louise Hougham was born at Adel, Iowa, on Nov. 30, 1903. She graduated from Sawyer High School in June 1921, attending summer school at Minot State Teachers College. She taught school two years in North Dakota. In June 1923, she came to Adel, Iowa and taught school near Dallas Center, Iowa. On Jan. 15, 1924, she was married to Roy Conaway, who was born July 29, 1893 near Des Moines, Iowa. To them was born two children, Richard Lee, and Patricia Louise.

I. Richard Lee Conaway was born Dec. 14, 1924, near Perry, Iowa. He graduated from the Earlham High School in 1943, and served in the U. S. Navy in the Aleutian and Alaskan area for twenty-six months during World War Two. Was discharged in May, 1946. On Oct. 6, 1946, he was united in marriage to Marjorie Pauline Conrad, who was born May 1, 1928 near Earlham, Iowa. She was graduated from Earlham High School in May, 1946. They live in Adel, Iowa, where Richard is employed at the Dallas County State Bank. Marjorie is employed at the Adel office of Northwestern Bell Telephone Company.

II. Patricia Louise Conaway was born at Dallas Center, Iowa, on Feb. 22, 1931. She graduated from the Earlham High School in May 14, 1948. She now plans to enter the Minnesota Bible College at Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mrs. Conaway and Patricia live in Earlham, Iowa, where Mrs. Louise Conaway has been employed at the hot lunch at the Earlham School, but will again resume teaching this fall.



2. Russell Lowell Hougham was born at Adel, Iowa, on Dec. 13, 1905. He attended high school at Sawyer, North Dakota until 1923. On June 26, 1928 he was united in marriage at Adel, Iowa to Geneva Marie Lafferty, who was born at Correctionville, Iowa, on March 12, 1912. To them were born three children: Norman Russell, born at Correctionville, Iowa, on Sept. 28, 1939; Larry Lowell, born Jan. 31, 1941, at Correctionville, Iowa, and Marjorie Louise, born Nov. 14, 1943, at Earlham, Iowa, who passed away at the Iowa Lutheran Hospital, on Nov. 30, 1943, at the age of 16 days. Mr. and Mrs. Hougham are now engaged in farming east of Earlham, Iowa.

3. Inez Pearl Hougham was born at Velva, North Dakota, on Nov. 29, 1912. She is now living at Adel, Iowa, with her mother.

### 3. Piety Ann Couch.

Piety Ann Couch was born in Randolph Co., Indiana, March 25, 1848. On Nov. 8, 1866, she married James R. Atkins who was born July 16, 1844.

To them were born nine children: John Anderson, Ida Mary, Lue Ella, Marion Harvey, Joel Franklin, Laura Asmath, Annie Maria, Charles Henry, James Thomas, who died in infancy.

Ida May Atkins was born Sept. 1, 1869, in Kansas. On Jan. 2, 1890, in Ozark Co., Mo., she married Thomas Gilson Henderson, who was born in Fulton Co., Ark., Feb. 15, 1871.

To them were born eleven children: James Wesley, born July 25, 1891, died March 26, 1903; Anna Lue Ella, born Dec. 29, 1893, died Nov. 29, 1896; Thos. Christian, born March 5, 1896, died Nov. 25, 1897; Allen Harvey, born Feb. 5, 1898; Alvin Zeffie, born March 26, 1900; Lester Samuel, born April 18, 1902; William Franklin, born March 15, 1904; Laura Ethel, born April 30, 1906, died June 6, 1906; Charles Eli, born April 28, 1908; Joanna Elsie, born Feb. 26, 1910; Clarence M., born April 10, 1911, died July 26, 1912.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. G. Henderson live on a farm in Marion Co., Ark.

Lue Ella Atkins was born Dec. 23, 1871, in Benton Co., Ark. On October 26, 1911, at Siloam Springs, Ark., she married James Robert Henderson, who was born Jan. 28, 1894.

To them was born one son, Frank, April 23, 1913. Mr. and Mrs. James R. Henderson are engaged in farming in Marion Co., Ark.

Marion Harvey Atkins was born Sept. 12, 1874. He married Mary Patterson near Siloam Springs, Ark. They live at McAllister, Okla.

Joel Franklin Atkins was born May 7, 1876, near De Soto in Dallas Co., Iowa. On Oct. 12, 1902, at Siloam Springs, Ark., he married Margaret A. Martin, who was born in Chocto Nation Aug. 30, 1887. To them were born six children:



Mable, born Oct. 3, 1903; Jack H., born Dec. 25, 1905; Clara L., born Oct. 3, 1907; Bert R., born Feb. 28, 1909; Gladis L., died Sept. 10, 1911; Minnie Ann, died Jan. 29, 1913.

Joel F. Atkins is engaged in the oil business in Siloam Springs, Ark.

Laura A. Atkins was born Oct. 5, 1878. On Jan. 10, 1895, she married John F. Payton, who was born Jan. 10, 1872, and Died Dec. 24, 1897.

On Dec. 16, 1900, Laura A. Payton married Samuel B. Freeman, who was born Sept. 12, 1876. Mr. and Mrs. Freeman live at Peggton, Okla.

Anna M. Atkins was born Aug. 11, 1875. On Oct. 22, 1901, she married Wesley W. Shults, who was born Aug. 1, 1868. To them was born one child, Irene E., Aug. 14, 1902.

On Sept. 12, 1908, Anna M. Shults married Nathan Pierce, who was born Aug. 11, 1875.

To them was born one child, Agnes, Feb. 24, 1910.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce live in Oklahoma.

Charles H. Atkins was born at Bellfont, Ark., May 22, 1884. On April 23, 1907, at Springtown, Ark., he married Nettie Reynolds, who was born in Springtown, Ark., Oct. 21, 1887.

To them were born four children:

Alta, Jan. 4, 1908; Hugh, June 28, 1909; Leta, Nov. 8, 1910; Vera, Jan. 16, 1913.

Mr. and Mrs. Atkins live on a farm 12 miles east of Siloam Springs. Their P. O. is Pedro, Ark.

James Thomas Atkins was born May 4, 1889, and died when a child.

James R. Atkins served with Co. C, 39th Iowa Infantry. He died at Siloam Springs, Ark.

Mrs. James R. Atkins lives at Siloam Springs.

#### 4. Martha Maria Couch.

Martha Maria Couch was born Jan. 10, 1850, and died in infancy.

#### 5. Harvey M. Couch

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Harvey M. Couch was born in Randolph Co., Indiana, Dec. 14, 1852. On Dec. 20, 1877, in Davis Co., Ia. He married Jennie B. Frakes, who was born in Putman Co., Indiana, Dec. 31, 1857. To them were born seven children—Maude, Nellie, Ruth, Courtney C., Susie, Sidney, Beryl.

Mr. and Mrs. Couch lived on a farm southwest of Adel for nearly forty-five years, and then moved to Adel. They celebrated their sixty-third wedding anniversary Dec. 20, 1940. Mrs. Couch died March 3, 1941. Mr. Couch was engaged in farming and stock-raising until he retired.

First child Maude:

Maude Couch the first child was born near Adel, Ia., Sept. 22, 1878. On March 6, 1894, at Adel, Ia., she married John W. Piercy, who was born in Polk Co., Ia., June 8, 1871.

John Piercy died  
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To them were born five children: Nellie, Harvey, Paul, Kenneth, and Opal.

Nellie was born Sept. 20, 1896 and died Oct. 29, 1896. Harvey, the second child, was born Aug. 13, 1898 at Saylorville, Ia. He was married Sept. 21, 1918, to Helen Wells, who was born May 22, 1899, at Fort Dodge, Ia. Two children were born to them, Betty Jean and John.

Betty Jean was born March 16, 1923, at Iowa City and was married Sept. 21, 1941 to Jack T. Reynolds who was born March 10, 1921. Two children were born to them. Linda Jean born Aug. 9, 1942 at Dallas, Texas and Jeffrey Taylor, born May 13, 1945. Jack Reynolds died Jan. 16, 1947 at Dallas, Texas.

The third child Paul LaVerne was born July 21, 1903, at Wayland, Ia., and was married Aug. 20, 1926 to Alice Lucille Miller, who was born July 11, 1903, at Maxwell, Ia. Two children were born to them; Peggy Sue, born Aug. 11, 1935, and Mary Lucinda, born Sept. 29, 1937 at Bryan, Texas.

The fourth child Kenneth Couch Piercy was born Aug. 1, 1906 at Cannon City, Colo., and was married June 14, 1931, to Grace Walker, who was born Dec. 12, 1909 at Jessup, Ia.

Three children were born to them:

Kenneth Dick was born Dec. 24, 1942, and died May 16, 1943, at Ames, Ia.

Jole Walker, born Nov. 3, 1944, at Ames, Ia.

Christopher Jon, born Oct. 28, 1947 at Ames, Ia., died April 2, 1948.

The fifth child Opal Catherine was born Jan. 30, 1910, at Maxwell, Ia., and died May 13, 1918, at Maxwell, Ia.

Second child Nellie:

Nellie Blythe Couch, the second child of Harvey Me-shach Couch and Jennie Frakes Couch, was born on her parents farm near Adel, Iowa, on December 24, 1879. She graduated from Adel High School in 1899 and spent the next six years teaching school. On January 11, 1906, she was married to Howard C. Johnson, who was born near Dallas Center, Iowa, on October 8, 1876.

To this union were born four children, Ruth Lillian, Doris Edith, Byron Scott and Celia Ramona.

Nellie Couch Johnson died on December 14, 1916 at Adel, Iowa, and is buried in Oakdale Cemetery in Adel, Iowa. Howard C. Johnson graduated from Iowa State College in 1914 and practiced veterinary medicine until his death in 1929. He is buried in Portland, Oregon.

Ruth Lillian Johnson was born at New Rockford, North Dakota, on October 23, 1906. She graduated from Adel High School in 1924, and attended Iowa State College for the next two years, studying Home Economics. On November 11, 1926, at Boone, Iowa, she was married to Willett J. McCortney, who was born at Tama, Iowa on September 30, 1905. Willett J. McCortney studied Chemical Engineering and graduated from the Engineer-

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ing School of Iowa State College in 1927. Ruth and Willett McCortney live at 215 Vorn Land, Birmingham, Michigan, a suburb of Detroit, Michigan. Willett J. McCortney is Engineer in charge of rubber and plastics development for Chrysler Corporation. To Willett and Ruth McCortney were born three children:

1. Margaret Ann McCortney born at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Mich., April 29, 1929.
2. Willett J. McCortney, Jr., born at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, August 13, 1932.
3. Nancy Ruth McCortney, born at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, May 1, 1940.

Doris Edith Johnson was born June 25, 1909 at Warwick, North Dakota. She graduated from Adel High School in 1927. In September, 1928, she entered Kansas City Research Hospital School of Nursing in Kansas City, Missouri, and graduated from this school in April, 1932. On July 11, 1933 at Ozark, Missouri, she was married to Charles Orr Lane, who was born in Olathe, Kansas, on September 26, 1898. Charles Orr Lane and Doris Johnson Lane live at 3451 Charlotte Ave., Kansas City, Missouri.

Charles Orr Lane is newspaper editor of the Kansas City Star. Doris Johnson Lane worked intermittently at her nursing profession until December 7, 1942, when she joined the original staff of the Red Cross Blood Center in Kansas City, Missouri. She has since been in charge of a mobile unit of the Blood Bank, which operates within a 90 mile radius of the city. To them 1 child was born.

James Harvey Lane, Dec. 27, 1944 at Kansas City. They now reside at Olatha, Kansas.

Byron Scott Johnson was born at Ames, Iowa, November 18, 1910. He went to school in Earlham, Iowa and Portland, Oregon. On November 26, 1926, he entered the United States Navy and served four years in the Pacific. On August 23, 1934, at Liberty Missouri, he was married to Frances Anastasia Browne, who was born December 15, 1914, at Evans, Iowa. Byron Scott Johnson is employed as a Marine Machinist at the Los Angeles Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Corporation at San Pedro, California. Byron and Frances Johnson live at 1230 North Citrus Ave., Hollywood, California. To this union was born three children Patrick Howard, Joseph and Michele Celesta.

Patrick Howard Johnson was born November 7, 1935, at Kansas City, Mo.

Celia Ramona Johnson was born at Ames, Iowa, January 31, 1913. On August 9, 1941, at Bethany, Mo. She was married to Delbur Stratton Ball, who was born in Ames, Iowa, on May 15, 1914. Delbur and Ramona Johnson Ball live at 403½ Lincolnway, Ames, Iowa. Delbur Ball is employed as a laboratory technician for the Sanitation Dept. for the city of Ames. To Delbur and Ramona Ball were born two children: Karen Lee and Howard Delbur.



Karen Lee was born at Port Isabel, Texas, August 19, 1942. Howard Delbur Ball was born at Ames, Iowa on October 8, 1943. They now live in San Bernto, Texas.

Third Child Ruth.

Ruth Vance Couch, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Couch, was born near Adel, Ia., Dec. 12, 1881. On Feb. 16, 1909, she married Peter J. Hol who was born March 18, 1882, in Marion Co., at Howell, Ia. To this union two children were born, Jennie Elizabeth, Nov. 29, 1909, near Adel, Ia. A son born May 2, 1919 passed away at birth.

Jennie Elizabeth was married to Sgt. Marion Scofield, Aug. 26, 1927, who was born May 23, 1905 at Lincoln, Nebraska. To them were born three children:

1. James Winslow, June 18, 1928, at Clarkson Memorial Hospital, Omaha, Neb.
2. Robert Eugene, April 26, 1930, at Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C.
3. Marilyn Elizabeth, Aug. 19, 1932, at Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Scofield resided at Omaha for two years, and was there sent to Edgewood Arsnel and Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, for five years, afterwards the Government sent them to Fort Mills, Corrigador, Philippines, for two and one-half years. From there they were returned to U.S.A. and stationed at Ogden, Utah. Afterward Jennie was married to Edgar Franklin Wilkinson, March 6, 1939, at Reno, Nevada. One daughter was born.

Paula Harriett, Feb. 13, 1940. Mr. Wilkinson being in army reserve, a electrician by trade. At present time they live at San Diego, Calif.

Fourth child Courtney.

Courtney C. Couch, the fourth child, was born near Adel, Ia., April 23, 1884. On Nov. 28, 1906, at Earlham, Iowa, he married Blanche Bell, who was born at Winterset, Ia., March 29, 1883. To them was born one child, Courtney Chauncey, July 29, 1912. He was married at Omaha, Neb., Aug. 20th 1942, to Alice Irene Haines, who was born at Ft. Lupton, Colo., April 15, 1915. They are engaged in farming.

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Fifth child Susie.

Susie Edith Couch was born near Adel, Ia., June 24, 1887. On Feb. 19, 1914, in Des Moines, Ia., she married Chas. Stacy, who was born May 27, 1887 near Adel, Ia. To them were born two children:

Chas. Richard Stacy born April 8, 1922 near Adel, Ia. On Aug. 12, 1944 he married Dorothy Stevens at Adel. She was born April 9, 1917 at Roggen, Colo. They are engaged in farming.

Johneta LeNelle Stacey was born June 4, 1925, near Adel, Ia. She married Leo Glass Nov. 19, 1946, in Des Moines. Leo was born May 26, 1924 at Perry, Iowa. They reside in Des Moines where he is employed as a electrician.

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They have one child, a daughter, Patricia Susan Glass, born January 22, 1948 in Des Moines.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stacy live on a farm southwest of Adel.

Sixth child Sidney *dead Sept 28 1965*

Sidney H. Couch was born near Adel, April 22, 1898. He graduated from the Adel High School in 1914 and from Iowa State University at Iowa City in 1920. The past twenty years he has been a teacher in Los Angeles Schools in Calif.

Seventh child Richard Beryl.

Richard Beryl Couch was born May 27, 1901, near Adel, Ia. In Nov. 1923, he was married to Goldie Lint, who was born at Van Meter, Ia. To them were born Billy Beryl, Nov. 7, 1925. Bonnie May, died at birth.

#### 6. Lydia Catherine Couch.

Lydia C. Couch, born March 2, 1854, died in infancy.

#### 7. Rachel Elizabeth Couch.

Rachel E. Couch, born June 19, 1855, died in infancy.

#### 8. Mary Jane Couch

Mary Jane Couch was born near Adel, Iowa, on Feb. 18, 1857. On Jan. 1, 1878, at the old Couch homestead near Adel, Iowa, she married J. S. Fish, who was born near Stronsburg in Monroe, Co., Pennsylvania, on Oct. 14, 1850.

To them was born one son, Don Ellsworth. Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Fish lived on a farm near Adel. On Jan. 1, 1928, they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. They later moved to Adel, where they resided until their deaths. J. S. Fish died in July, 1932, at Adel, Iowa. Mary Jane Couch Fish died in October, 1932, at Adel, Iowa.

#### I. Don Ellsworth Fish.

Don Ellsworth Fish was born in Adams Twp., Dallas Co., Iowa on April 22, 1880. On June 1, 1909 at Big Timber, Montana, he married Belle Osborn, who was born at Livingstone, Montana, on Feb. 12, 1886. To them were born six children: Donald Earl, Doris Mary, Charles Austin, James S. II., Harriet Jane, and Walter Yule. Don E. Fish graduated from Adel High School in 1898, from Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, in 1906. Spent four years teaching in high school in Dillon, Montana. In 1910, he returned to Iowa, where he was engaged in farming until 1914. Moved to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, where he engaged in county agricultural work. In 1922 he moved to Ames, Iowa, where he was State-County agent leader until his death Aug. 23, 1927. Belle Osborn Fish attended college at Ames, where she received her Master's Degree in 1929. She was Extension Specialist in Child Care and Training at University of Minn., until July, 1943. In Nov. 1943, she was married to Mark J. Thompson of Duluth, Minn. Mr. Thompson is director of the N. E. Experiment Station at Duluth, Minn., where Mr. and Mrs. Thompson now reside.



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I. Donald Earl Fish was born April 4, 1910 at Dillon, Mont. On Oct. 28, 1934 he was married to Marian Snydergaard who was born Jan. 22 1915 at Dike, Iowa. To them were born five children: Margery Ann, Dorothy Jean, Donald Ellsworth, Barbara Jane, and Karen Sue. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Fish live on a farm near Woodward, Ia.

1. Margery Ann Fish, born Aug. 31, 1936, at Ames, Iowa.
2. Dorothy Jean Fish, born Oct. 24, 1938, at Adel, Iowa.
3. Donald Ellsworth, born Nov. 29, 1939, at Adel, Iowa.
4. Barbara Jane, born Aug. 17, 1941, at Nevada, Iowa.
5. Karen Sue Fish, born May 19, 1947, at Woodward, Iowa.

II. Doris Mary Fish was born Aug. 27, 1911 at Adel, Iowa. On Dec. 17, 1939, she married Daniel Edison Hughes of Ames, Iowa. He was born at Ames, Iowa, in 1911. To them were born three children: Kathleen Kirk, Stephen Whitney and Mary Martha. Daniel Hughes served in the U. S. Navy from 1942 until 1946. He was discharged with the rank of Lt. (s.g.) Mr. and Mrs. Hughes are now located at Chula Vista, Calif., where they are in the real estate business.

1. Kathleen Kirk was born Nov. 16, 1940, at Minneapolis, Minn.
2. Stephen Whitney, born April 15, 1943, at Milwaukee, Wis.
3. Mary Martha, born Jan. 31, 1947, at Chula Vista, Cal.

III. Charles Austin Fish was born Nov. 27, 1913, at Adel, Iowa. On Mar. 31, 1945, he married Phyllis Munn, of Ord, Neb., who was born in 1925. To them was born one son, Lawrence Kenneth. Charles enlisted in the ground forces of the Army Air Corps in 1941, was discharged with rank of Major in 1946. He is now a Boy Scout Executive in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

1. Lawrence Kenneth was born Dec. 8, 1946.

IV. James S. Fish, II; was born Sept. 8, 1915, at Mt. Pleasant Iowa. On Nov. 3, 1941, he married Dorothea June Merritt of Minneapolis, Minn. To them were born two children, James Stuart, Jr., and Richard Merritt. James S. Fish was in the U. S. Navy from 1942 to 1946. Saw sea duty on Aircraft-Carrier, "Bunker Hill". Lt. (s.g.) at time of discharge. He is now advertising manager for home appliance division of General Mills, and lives in Minneapolis, Minn.

1. James Stuart, born Nov. 5, 1942.
2. Richard Merritt, born Oct. 8, 1946.

V. Harriet Jane Fish was born Feb. 1, 1917, and died Aug. 23, 1927.

VI. Walter Yule Fish was born July 28, 1920. On July 24, 1943, he married Patricia O'Connor of Council Bluffs, Iowa. To them was born one son, John Walter. Walter Fish served in the U. S. Army Signal Corps from

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1942 to 1946. Held rank of 1st Lt. at time of discharge. His present address is Rosemount, Minn. He is a research radio engineer attached to the Aeronautical Engineering department of the University of Minnesota.

1. John Walter Fish, born Feb. 4, 1946, died Mar. 10, 1946.

#### 9. George Washington Couch

George W. Couch was born in Dallas County, Iowa, on Nov. 22, 1858. On Mar 11, 1883, near Ortonville, Iowa, he was married to Florence Lillian Hodson, who was born near Wilmington, Ohio, March 13, 1864. To them were born three children: Mabel, Freddie, and Lora Winifred.

Mr. and Mrs. Couch spent most of their married life on a farm near Earlham, Iowa. Mrs. Couch died Feb. 13, 1901. Mr. Couch died Nov. 26, 1931.

##### I. Mabel Couch.

Mabel Couch, eldest daughter of George W. and Florence Lillian Couch was born in Buena Vista Co., Iowa, on April 20, 1884. On Jan. 31, 1906, she was married to George W. Lee, who was born in Madison Co., Iowa, on Aug. 28, 1879. To them was born one son, Howard G. Lee. They lived on a farm near Earlham, Iowa; until Mrs. Lee's death May 17, 1914. Mr. Lee then moved to Adel, Iowa, where he spent the remainder of his life. He died on Oct. 12, 1941.

I. Howard G. Lee, only child of George W. and Mabel Couch Lee was born near Earlham, Iowa on Aug. 20, 1913. On Aug. 18, 1939, he was married at Okabena, Minn., to Carol Arlene Overocker of Milford, Iowa, who was born Sept. 1, 1920 in Dickinson Co., Ia. To them were born two children, Curtis Howard, and Linda Carol. Howard graduated from Adel High School in 1930 and started working in the Adel depot as assistant to Depot agent. He also worked in the same capacity at Spirit Lake and Jefferson, Iowa. During the depression, he was laid off. He then worked at a cafe, and also a clothing store in Adel, Iowa. In 1934, he hired out as relief agent and operator to Milwaukee R.R., and started working at various places. Assigned to operator at Fonda, Ia., in 1937 and worked there until job abolished in 1938. Was agent at Knob, Iowa, and relief agent at Brokaw, Wis. In Oct. 1938 was assigned to regular agent at Fostoria, Ia. In Sept, 1945, was assigned to agent for Milwaukee R. R. at Webb, Iowa, where he with his family now reside.

1. Curtis Howard Lee was born Mar. 30, 1942, at Spencer, Iowa.
2. Linda Carol Lee was born Jan. 18, 1945 at Spencer, Iowa.

##### II. Freddie Couch.

Freddie Couch, only son of George W., and Florence Lillian Couch was born Nov. 25, 1885 and died April 28, 1888.



### III. Lora Winifred Couch.

Lora Winifred Couch, youngest daughter of George W. and Florence Lillian Couch, was born near Earlham, Iowa, on Jan. 2, 1897. On Feb. 10, 1915, she was married to Clarence Eldon Pryor, who was born Jan. 29, 1894, near Stuart, Iowa. To them were born three children: Ivan Couch, Mildred Lillian, and Rolland Eugene. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Pryor live on the farm near Earlham, Iowa, where Mrs. Pryor was born.

I. Ivan Couch Pryor, oldest son of Clarence and Lora Couch Pryor was born near Earlham, Iowa, on Mar. 15, 1917. On Aug. 14, 1943, he was married to Darlene Helen McClurg, who was born July 9, 1918. To them were born two daughters, Norma Jean and Karen Ann. Ivan graduated from Earlham High School in 1936. In Nov. 1938, he went to Miami, Fla., where he worked for the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., until Oct. 12, 1940, when he enlisted in the U. S. Navy. He received his training at Norfolk, Va., and was stationed there until Feb. 10, 1944, when he was transferred to the West coast. Having the rating of a First Class Baker, he was then sent to the Gilbert Islands, and was there until Mar. 1945, when he was sent to the Marshall Islands, where he served until he came back to the States in Nov. 1945. After a short furlough he was put on the U.S.S. Intrepid for duty until his discharge in Oct. 1946. Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Pryor live on a farm near Earlham, Iowa, where he is engaged in farming.

1. Norma Jean Pryor was born April 17, 1944 at Des Moines, Iowa.
2. Karen Ann Pryor was born July 31, 1947 at Earlham, Iowa.

II. Mildred Lillian Pryor was born near Earlham, Iowa, on Jan. 3, 1919. On December 28, 1941, she was married at Bethany, Missouri, to Marion Charles DeVault, who was born near Earlham, Iowa on Aug. 29, 1917. Mildred graduated from Earlham High School in 1936. She attended A.I.B. College in Des Moines, Iowa. In November, 1937, she accepted a secretarial position for Attorney M. G. Kellam, at Greenfield, Iowa. She resigned this position in April 1938, and began work at the Earlham Savings Bank, Earlham, Iowa, as bookkeeper and teller. Mildred acted in this capacity for five years, leaving to join her husband, who was serving in the armed forces at Salt Lake City, Utah. Here she accepted a secretarial position with the U. S. Government. She returned to Iowa in January, 1946, upon the release of her husband from the U. S. Army. The past two years, Mr. and Mrs. DeVault have resided on a farm near Earlham, Iowa.

1. A son born on April 8, 1945, died in infancy.
2. Jane Marie DeVault, born Nov. 8, 1947.

and the number of hours worked per week by each employee. The data were collected from a sample of 100 employees. The following table summarizes the results:

Hours Worked (h)	Number of Employees (n)	Percentage (%)
0-10	10	10
11-20	30	30
21-30	40	40
31-40	10	10

The following table summarizes the results of the regression analysis:

Variable	Beta Coefficient	P-value
Hours Worked (h)	0.5	0.001
Age	-0.1	0.05
Gender (Male)	0.2	0.1
Education Level	0.3	0.02

Based on the above data, which of the following statements is true?

**III.** Rolland Eugene Pryor, youngest son of Clarence and Lora Couch Pryor, was born near Earlham, Iowa, on Mar. 7, 1925. He attended Earlham High School, graduating with the class of 1943. Having enlisted in the U. S. Marines, Feb. 27, 1943, he entered the service May 8, 1943, the day following his graduation. He received his training at San Diego and Oceanside, Calif. On Oct. 28, 1943, he went aboard the U.S.S. Rochambeau and landed at Noumea, New Caledonia on Nov. 15, 1943. After receiving training there, he went to Guadalcanal aboard the U.S.S. Bloom-fontaine for more training. On July 21, 1944, Rolland lost his life, while serving his country with the First Provisional Marine Brigade during the invasion of Guam.

**10. Sarah Hannah Couch**

Sarah Hannah Couch, 10th child of J. Anderson and Ruth Couch, was born at Adel, Iowa on Nov. 19, 1860. On Sept. 19, 1881, at Bentonville, Arkansas, she married Wm. J. J. Davis, who was born at Eddyville, Iowa on Aug. 21, 1857. Mr. and Mrs. Davis lived in Iowa three years then moved to Arkansas where they lived until 1895. Then they moved to Sweet-Water, Okla., where they lived until death. William J. J. Davis died Nov. 20, 1929. Sarah Hannah Couch Davis died Jan. 24, 1943.

**I. Bertha May Davis.**

Bertha May Davis was born at Adel, Iowa, on March 19, 1883, and died at Shawnee, Oklahoma, on Feb. 11, 1898.

**II. Joseph Hill Davis.**

Joseph Hill Davis was born Sept. 10, 1884, at Adel, Iowa. On Jan. 13, 1908, at Sayre, Okla., he married Addie Lee Matthews, who was born at Pilot Point, Texas on Feb. 17, 1884. To them were born seven children—Robert Harley, William Aquilla, John Wesley, Orel Esther, Pearl P., Venda Lee, and Mattie Opal. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Davis live on a farm near Sweet-Water, Oklahoma.

I. Robert Harley Davis was born Nov. 27, 1908. On May 4, 1927, he married Bethel Ruth who was born July 23, 1906. Mr. and Mrs. Davis live on a farm near Sweet-Water, Okla.

II. William Aquilla Davis was born Sept. 27, 1910. On Dec. 25, 1929, he was married to Marie Cardin, who was born March 16, 1905. To them were born three children—Marieta Fae, Shirley Fern, and Wendell Rae.

1. Marieta Fae Davis was born Nov. 1938.

2. Wendell Rae Davis was born Feb. 3, 1939.

3. Shirley Fern Davis was born April 18, 1943.

III. John Wesley Davis was born Sept. 19, 1912. On June 5, 1946, he married Thelma Market at Louisville, Kentucky, who was born Nov. 11, 1919 at Louisville, Ky. She has been employed for the past seven years as Secretary of Circulation Manager of the Carrier Journal and Louisville Times. John Wesley Davis is in the Oak Forest Veterans Hospital.



IV. Orel Esther Davis was born Feb. 24, 1912. On Aug. 12, 1933, she married Roy Cicel Blackhorn. Mr. and Mrs. Blackhorn live at 2435 Los Angeles, Calif.

1. Helen Virginia Blackhorn was born Feb. 10, 1934, and died Feb. 10, 1934.

2. Lowell Marie Blackhorn was born Jan. 18, 1935.

3. Kenneth Eugene Blackhorn was born Feb. 20, 1938.

4. Marlene Frances Blackhorn was born Feb. 7, 1944.

V. Pearl Priscilla Davis was born Dec. 22, 1915, at Sweet-Water, Okla. On March 20, 1936, at Sayre, Okla., she married Garrett Leonard Rea. Mr. and Mrs. Rea reside at 321 W. Monroe St., Barger, Texas, where he is employed as welder for Henderson Gas Co.

1. Charles Raymond Rea was born Jan. 13, 1937 at Alexandria, Camp Berger, Texas.

2. Charlotte Yvonne Rea was born Aug. 19, 1938 at Sweet-Water, Okla.

3. Donald Wayne Rea was born Aug. 16, 1943 at North Plain Hospital, Barger, Texas.

4. John Paul Rea was born March 15, 1947 at North Plain Hospital, Barger, Texas.

VI. Verda Lee May Davis was born May 18, 1919. On Jan. 4, 1936, she married Chas. August Meisoner, who was born Jan. 20, 1915. They are engaged in farming, and live near Sayre, Okla.

1. Doris Emilie Meisoner was born March 23, 1938.

VII. Mattie Opal Davis was born March 28, 1912, and died on March 23, 1927, at Sweet-Water, Oklahoma.

### III. Mary Margaret Ruth Davis.

Mary Margaret Ruth Davis was born at Siloam Springs, Ark., on Sept. 8, 1886. On Nov. 8, 1909, she married David W. Guinn, in Elk City, Okla. To them were born ten children—Mary May, Eugene Benton, Mildred Antonia, Russell Alanson, Elwood, David Eli, Agatha, Thomas Jefferson, Sarah Valarie, and Blanch Imogene.

I. Mary May Guinn was born May 27, 1910, at Sweet-Water, Okla., and died May 28, 1910.

II. Eugene Benton Guinn, was born June 2, 1911. On June 21, 1930, at Arnetto, Okla., he was married to Mary Lou Haley, who was born at Halecenter, Texas.

1. Dorryel Eugene Guinn was born March 27, 1931.

2. Cherry Doun Guinn was born May 10, 1932.

3. Richard Daniel Guinn was born July 18, 1935.

III. Mildred Antonia Guinn was born Jan. 29, 1913, at Sweet-Water, Okla. On April 14, 1945, she was married to David Barron, who was born Dec. 12, 1914 at Arp, Texas. They met and married at Pampa, Texas, when he was stationed at Pampa air field. They own and operate an irrigated farm near Kress, Texas, in the shallow water district of west Texas.

1. Mary Alice Barron was born June 1, 1947, at Plainview, Texas.

IV. Russell Alanson Guinn was born Sept. 22, 1914 at Sweet-Water, Okla. On March 22, 1935, at Dill City, Okla., he married Mary Love Bonnean, who was born



June 29, 1910 at Della, Okla. To them were born three children, Janice Yvonne, Phil Alanson, and Russell Alanson. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Guinn live in Elk City, Oklahoma.

1. Janice Yvonne Guinn was born April 13, 1936 and died on Dec. 24, 1939.

2. Phil Alanson Guinn was born Feb. 17, 1938.

3. Russell Alanson Guinn was born Dec. 18, 1944.

V. Elwood Guinn was born March 9, 1916, at Sweet-Water, Okla. On Oct. 6, 1940, at Reno, Nevada, he married Nan Long, who was born April 26, 1922 in Hastings, Okla. To this union were born three children—William Elwood, Gwendolin Ann, and Mary Ellen. Mr. and Mrs. Guinn live near Clovis, California.

1. William Elwood Guinn was born Dec. 11, 1941.

2. Gwendolin Ann Guinn was born Aug. 6, 1943.

3. Mary Ellen Guinn was born Sept. 14, 1947.

VI. David Eli Guinn was born July 18, 1918, at Elk City, Okla. On Jan. 10, 1946, at Oklahoma City, Okla., he married LaVerne Forgay, who was born Jan. 21, 1924, at Boise, Texas. To them were born three children—David Albert, Ronald Eli, and Dianna Ruth.

1. David Albert Guinn was born Oct. 10, 1941 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

2. Ronald Eli Guinn was born Dec. 2, 1942 at Salt Lake City, Utah.

3. Dianna Ruth Guinn was born May 10, 1944 at Elk City, Okla.

David Eli Guinn served in the Army for one year in the Southwest Pacific. Mr. and Mrs. Guinn now live in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

VII. Agatha Guinn was born June 29, 1920 at Moorewood, Okla., and died Nov. 27, 1939 in Elk City, Oklahoma.

VIII. Thomas Jefferson Guinn was born June 26, 1922 at Elk City, Okla. On June 2, 1946, he was married to Wilma Ruth Swafford, who was born Jan. 30, 1931 at Elmore City, Okla. To them were born two children—Carolyn Sue, and Phyllis Carline. Thomas J. Guinn spent three years in the U. S. Army, two of that time in the European Theatre of war. Mr. and Mrs. Guinn live in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

1. Carolyn Sue Guinn was born April 4, 1947, at Elk City, Okla.

2. Phyllis Carlene Guine was born March 27, 1948, at Elk City, Oklahoma.

IX. Sarah Valaria Guinn was born June 18, 1924, at Elk City, Okla. She lives with her parents in Elk City, Oklahoma.

X. Blanch Imogine Guinn was born Aug. 3, 1927, at Elk City, Okla. On April 7, 1946, she was married to Roy Londer, who was born Sept. 21, 1924 at Magazine, Arkansas. To them was born one child, Ava Nell. Mr. and Mrs. Londer live near Kress, Texas.

1. Ava Nell Londer was born Sept. 26, 1947.



#### IV. Carrie Hannah Davis.

Carrie Hannah Davis was born at Siloam Springs, Arkansas, on Jan. 9, 1889, and she married William H. Potter at Sweet-Water, Okla., on Dec. 17, 1907. Mr. Potter was born at Ave, Missouri, on Oct. 9, 1887. To this marriage were born ten children—Edna Mae, William Harrison, Leona R., Sarah E., Henry M., Ira E., Loretta R., Alcidine, Walter C., Garland L. Mr. and Mrs. William H. Potter live at 937 E. Campbell, Pampa, Texas. Mr. Potter is a carpenter.

I. Edna Mae Potter was born at Sweet-Water, Okla., on Aug. 24, 1908, and married K. B. Cardin at Sweet-Water, Okla., on Feb. 1, 1927. Mr. Cardin was born at Shawnee, Okla., on Jan. 12, 1907, and is a mechanic.

II. William Harrison Potter was born at Sweet-Water, Okla., on Oct. 24, 1909. He married Dora B. Walker at Sayre, Okla., on March 16, 1930, and Dora was born in Okla. To them were born three children—William, Annett, and Ira Wayne. Mr. and Mrs. William Potter live in Pampa, Texas.

1. William Potter was born Aug. 11, 1940.

2. Annett Potter was born April 22, 1943.

3. Ira Wayne Potter was born March 9, 1945.

III. Leona R. Potter was born at Sweet-Water, Oklahoma, on Oct. 15, 1911, and died Nov. 5, 1923.

IV. Sarah E. Potter was born at Sweet-Water, Okla., on Dec. 29, 1913. She married Everett Rivett, on Feb. 15, 1930. To them was born one son, Archie E. Mr. and Mrs. Rivett live in Oakland, California.

1. Archie E. Rivett was born Oct. 6, 1932.

V. Henry M. Potter was born July 11, 1916 at Kingsmill, Texas. He married Frances Conoway on Sept. 3, 1939, at Sayre, Okla. Frances was born in Texas. To them was born one daughter, Shirley Darline. Mr. Potter served three months in the service. He is now an oil well driller. They live in Pampa, Texas.

1. Shirley Darline Potter was born Aug. 5, 1940.

VI. Ira E. Potter was born Dec. 29, 1917 at Kingsmill, Texas, and married Leta Murphy at Sayre, Okla., on July 7, 1945. Leta was born in Texas, on Dec. 18, 1922. Ira served in the South Pacific 33 months, and he is now an oil field worker. They live at Pampa, Texas. They have one child, David Curtis.

1. David Curtis Potter was born May 14, 1946.

VII. Loretta R. Potter was born Sept. 19, 1919 at Panhandle, Texas. She married Harley Waline, on April 15, 1933. Harley was born in Texas. They have one child, Glenda Fern. Mr. and Mrs. Walin live in Pampa, Texas.

1. Glenda Fern Walin was born Mar. 26, 1939.

VIII. Alcidine Potter was born May 27, 1924, at Sweet-Water, Okla. She married William B. McCord at Sayre, Okla., on May 30, 1941. William McCord was born Oct. 9, 1920 in Okla. To them were born two children, Aubrey H., and Carolyne Kay.



1. Aubrey H. McCord, was born Oct. 6, 1943.
2. Carolyne Kay McCord was born Mar. 30, 1945.  
Mr. and Mrs. McCord lived in Pampa, Texas.

In July of 1946, she married Raymond Dunlap, who was born in Okla., and served 33 months in Europe. One child, Rayma Joann Dunlap was born to them.

1. Rayma Joann Dunlap was born July 26, 1947.

IX. Walter C. Potter was born at Panhandle, Texas on Oct. 2, 1926. He is an oil field worker, now, and lives at home in Pampa, Texas. He served two years in the South Pacific.

X. Garland Lee Potter was born Dec. 24, 1929, and died on Aug. 7, 1930.

#### V. William Alanson Davis.

William Alanson Davis was born Nov. 3, 1891 at Siloam Springs, Ark. On April 21, 1916, at Sweet-Water, Okla., he married Pearl Cox, who was born Oct. 29, 1900, near Hillsboro, Texas. To this union eight children were born—Wayne Alanson. Theota Pearl, Russell Clifton, Alva M. J., Leondus Harvey, Ada Ruth, Wanda Almeda, and Warren Waddell. Mr. and Mrs. Alanson Davis live on a farm near Sweet-Water, Okla.

I. Wayne Alanson Davis was born May 12, 1917, near Sweet-Water, Okla. On July 4, 1936, at Sayre, Okla., he married Beuna Kingham. To this union two children were born, Melvin Alanson, and Jerry Quenton. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Davis live on a farm near Sweet-Water, Oklahoma.

1. Melvin Alanson Davis was born May 4, 1941.
2. Jerry Quenton Davis was born June 1, 1948.

II. Theota Pearl Davis was born April 28, 1919 near Sweet-Water, Okla. On Dec. 7, 1943 at Sayre, Okla., she married Samuel Lee Dowdell. Mr. and Mrs. Dowdell live in Oklahoma City, Okla.

III. Russell Clifton Davis was born May 17, 1921. On Jan. 5, 1942, at Cheyenne, Okla., he married Fern Sanders. To this union two children were born, Garvis Dwayne, and LaEdith Kay. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Davis live in Sayre, Oklahoma.

1. Garvis Dwayne Davis was born Nov. 3, 1942.
2. LaEdith Kay Davis was born Dec. 14, 1947.

IV. Alva M. J. Davis was born Dec. 14, 1923.

V. Leondus Harvey Davis was born Nov. 9, 1925.

VI. Ada Ruth Davis was born May 23, 1928. On June 20, 1947, at Wheeler, Texas, she married Johnnie Diggs. Mr. and Mrs. Diggs live in Borger, Texas.

VII. Wanda Almeda Davis was born May 6, 1930, and died Feb. 18, 1931.

VIII. Warren Waddell Davis was born Feb. 21, 1936.

#### VI. Rachel Essie Davis.

Rachel Essie Davis was born March 2, 1895, and died Nov. 15, 1911.



## VII. Leila Angeline Davis.

Leila Angeline Davis was born Aug. 26, 1897 at Linden, Okla. She was married on Feb. 14, 1918, at Erick, Okla., to Willie C. Houston, who was born at Webbers Falls, Okla., on Feb. 16, 1892. To them were born six children—Beatrice Mae, J. F., Melvin Monroe, Anna Laura, LeeRoy and Wiley L. Mr. and Mrs. Willie C. Houston lived at Byars, Okla., six months previous to his entering service. While he was in service, Leila spent her time with her folks and his. In Aug. 1919, Willie C. returned from service and they purchased a garage at Sweet-Water, Okla. Due to the ill health of Willie C., they moved in 1926 to Sayre, Okla., and made their home until three weeks before he died on April 15, 1932. Leila is now living in Coalinga, Calif., with her daughter, Beatrice, where she is employed by the Club's Cafe.

I. Beatrice Mae Houston was born Dec. 6, 1918 at Sweet-Water, Okla. On Sept. 23, 1942, at Dewey, Okla., she married Kenneth I. Drake, who was born June 8, 1917 at Tryon, Okla. They have one child, Pamela Sue. Mr. and Mrs. Drake live in Coalinga, Calif., where he is employed by the Rocky Mt. Drilling Co.

1. Pamela Sue Drake was born June 25, 1946.

II. J. F. Houston was born March 23, 1920 at Leedey, Okla., and died on March 30, 1920.

III. Melvin Monroe Houston was born April 6, 1931 at Leedey, Okla. At Wheeler, Texas on Sept. 19, 1945, he was married to Georgie Anderson, who was born May 10, 1926, at Hollis, Okla. They have one child, Willie Ross. Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Houston now reside near Wheeler, Texas, where he is employed on a ranch.

1. Willie Ross Houston was born April 11, 1947.

IV. Anna Laura Houston was born Aug. 26, 1924, and died at Sayre, Oklahoma, on Nov. 8, 1927.

V. Lee Roy Houston was born March 20, 1927 at Sayre, Okla. On Sept. 26, 1946, at Sayre, Okla., he married Melba Jean Johnston, who was born Jan. 30, 1928, at Delhi, Okla. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Houston reside in Clinton, Okla., where he is employed by Nash Finch Wholesale Co.

VI. Wiley L. Houston was born Sept. 15, 1930 at Sayre, Okla. At present is unmarried and lives in Coalinga, Calif., with his mother.

## VIII. Florence Gladys Davis.

Florence Gladys Davis was born Jan. 26, 1904, and died on Dec. 5, 1904.

## 11. Milton Marion Couch

Milton Marion Couch was born in Dallas Co., Iowa, on Mar. 7, 1862. On July 2, 1889 at De Soto, Iowa, he married Lenore Kahle, who was born April 16, 1863, in West Co., Pa. To them were born five children: Celia Leona, Loyal Anderson, Robert Lyle, Helen Estie, and Carol Margery.



Mr. and Mrs. Couch lived on a farm southwest of Adel, Iowa, for fifty years. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on July 2, 1939. Mr. Couch died April 25, 1940. Mrs. Couch makes her home with her daughter, Carol Wagoner. *1967* *1967*

**I. Celia Leona Couch.**

Celia Leona Couch was born June 14, 1890, at Adel, Iowa. On December 18, 1912, she married Charles Arthur Eakle, who was born May 31, 1885, at Leiterburg, Maryland. To them were born five children: Robert LaVerne, Helen Kathryn, Emma Lorraine and two children who died at birth—a son born Jan. 16, 1922, and a daughter born May 27, 1925. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eakle lived on a farm southwest of Adel, until a few years ago, when they moved to Adel, where they now reside.

I. Robert LaVerne Eakle was born June 2, 1914, at Adel, Iowa. On March 28, 1936, he married Grace Virginia Cronk of Redfield, Ia., who was born Sept. 10, 1915. To them were born four children: Beverly Ann, Virginia Rae, Roberta Lorraine, and Robert Lane. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eakle live on a farm north of DeSoto. Mr. Eakle is employed at the Firestone Co., in Des Moines, Iowa.

1. Beverly Ann Eakle was born Nov. 22, 1936 at Des Moines, Iowa.
2. Virginia Rae Eakle was born April 12, 1939, at Adel, Iowa.
3. Roberta Lorraine Eakle was born Nov. 8, 1942 at Adel, Iowa.
4. Robert Lane Eakle, was born Dec. 15, 1943, at Des Moines, Iowa.

II. Helen Kathryn Eakle was born April 28, 1916 at Adel, Iowa. On May 11, 1945, she was married at Adel, Iowa, to Carroll Ray Hutcheson of Perry, Iowa, who was born Dec. 30, 1918. To them were born two children, Kathie Sue, and Carolee. Mr. Hutcheson served 44 months in the U. S. Navy being stationed 32 months at Hawaii as C. Ph. M. Mr. and Mrs. Hutcheson live at DeSoto, Iowa. Mr. Hutcheson is a barber.

1. Kathie Sue Hutcheson was born Oct. 7, 1946, at Adel, Iowa.
2. Carolee Hutcheson was born Sept. 13, 1947, at Perry, Iowa.

III. Emma Lorraine Eakle was born April 7, 1918, near Adel, Iowa. On Aug. 24, 1936, she married Charles Lane Peterson of Rigby, Idaho, who was born July 12, 1918. To them were born two children, Helen Patricia, and Charles Lee. Mr. Peterson was a Cpl. in the U. S. Army, serving 18 months in the Philippines and Japan. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson live at DeSoto, Iowa. Mr. Peterson is employed at the Firestone Co. in Des Moines, Iowa.

1. Helen Patricia Peterson was born June 19, 1937 at Vallejo, California.
2. Charles Lee Peterson was born Sept. 15, 1941, at Vallejo, California.



## **II. Loyal Anderson Couch.**

Loyal Anderson Couch was born April 18, 1892. On May 30, 1934, he married Joyce Woods at Reno, Nevada, who was born Nov. 15, 1892 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Mr. Couch enlisted in the U. S. Navy at Des Moines, Iowa on July 3, 1917, as Machinist Mate 2nd Class. He left Des Moines, Iowa, on July 5, 1917, arrived at St. Helena Training Station, Berkley, Va., on July 7th. In training until about Dec. 1, 1917. He went aboard the U.S.S. Promethens for duty. On Dec. 4, 1917, left the U. S. A., and arrived in Hamilton, Bermuda about a week later. Remained in Bermuda until about Jan. 15, 1918, left for the Azores—coaled Ship at Porto Delgato, Azores about Jan. 25, 1918, left for France, arriving at Brest, on about Jan. 29, 1918. Saw much of France, making three leaves to Paris, where he visited the Notre Dame Cathedral, Luvre Museum, the Madalaine, Place De La Consuite, Troscaslers, Napoleon's Tomb, and many battle fields. Dual, Bellam Woods, Chateau Thierry, Soissons, Laon Rheims. Left France in Jan. 1919, arriving in New York on Jan. 29, 1919. In New York for three days, then he left for Newport News, Va., where he was discharged on Feb. 10, 1919 as Machinist Mate 1st Class.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Couch now live at 1901 Napa Road, Vallejo, California.

## **III. Robert Lyle Couch.**

Robert Lyle Couch was born Dec. 25, 1893. On Feb. 28, 1920, he married Gracia Reeder, who was born July 29, 1898. To them were born two children—Roberta Lenore, Robert Jr., and Richard. Mrs. Couch died Oct. 5, 1944. Mr. Couch enlisted in U. S. Navy July 28, 1917, at Des Moines Iowa, as Machinist Mate 2nd class. Promoted Machinist Mate 1st class July 1918, in Yorktown, Va., then to Chief M. M. on Dec. 1, 1918. Permanent appointment Sept. 1, 1919 at Mare Island Navy yard. Discharged Sept. 12, 1919, at Mare Island Navy Yard. Spent most of his time on Atlantic Coast abroad the U.S.S. Supply and U.S.S. Missouri. Visited New York, Washington, D. C., Philadelphia, Yorktown, Norfolk, and Richmond, Charleston, Cuba, Kinston, and passed through the Panama Canal enroute to San Francisco. Mr. Couch lives at Vallejo, California.

I. Roberta Lenore Couch was born Feb. 6, 1928. She was married Sept. 21, 1946 to Howard Lee Kleckner, who was born Sept. 18, 1923. To them was born one child, Velma Gracia.

1. Velma Gracia Klenckner was born Oct. 13, 1947.

Mr. and Mrs. Kleckner live at Vallejo, California.

II. Robert L. Couch, Jr., was born Dec. 1, 1935.

III. Richard Couch was born May 10, 1938.

## **IV. Helen Estie Couch.**

Helen Estie Couch was born Jan. 21, 1902, and died Feb. 7, 1917.



## **V. Carol Margery Couch.**

Carol Couch was born Sept. 10, 1906 at Adel, Iowa. On Aug. 26, 1925, she was married to Frank Elvin Wagoner at Adel, Iowa, who was born Feb. 15, 1903 at Mt. Union, Pa. To them were born four children, Frank Lowell, Lawrence Dean, Jon David, and George Milton. Mr. and Mrs. Wagoner live on a farm near Adel, where Mrs. Wagoner was born.

I. Frank Lowell Wagoner was born Jan. 5, 1928 at Des Moines, Iowa. On Jan. 4, 1944 he entered the U. S. Navy for two year enlistment. He was married Jan. 18, 1948, at Glendale, Calif., to Shirley Pinyerd, who was born Mar. 31, 1928. They live in Adel, where Mr. Wagoner is employed with the Bell Tel. Co.

II. Lawrence Deane Wagoner was born Sept. 14, 1933, at Des Moines, Iowa.

3. Jon David and George Milton Wagoner were born April 1, 1936, at Adel, Iowa.

### **12. Deborah Ellen Couch**

Deborah Ellen Couch was born Feb. 7, 1864, and died in infancy.

### **13. James Anderson Couch.**

James Anderson Couch was born Dec. 18, 1867, and died in infancy.

### **14. Eli Bascomb Jeremiah Couch**

Eli B. Couch, son of Joseph Anderson and Ruth M. Couch, was born Jan. 18, 1868 near Adel, Iowa. On Aug. 2, 1891, at Springtown, Ark., he was married to Armilda Catherine Jones, who was born Dec. 14, 1871 at Independence, Kansas. To them were born six children: Ethel Leila, Lloyd Stalbert, Carl Anderson, Ray Ernest, Ralph Milton, and Roy Hubert.

Mr. and Mrs. Couch live on a farm near Siloam Springs, Ark. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1941 near the place where they were married, 50 years before. All their six children were present, also most all their grand-children were present to help them celebrate, as were a lot of other relatives. Among them were two brothers and a sister of Mr. Couch, besides several nieces and nephews of Mr. Couch, together with a host of friends and neighbors.

### **I. Ethel Leila Couch.**

Ethel Leila Couch, oldest daughter of Eli B. and Armilda Catherine Couch, was born Aug. 21, 1892, near Siloam Springs, Ark. On Dec. 15, 1915, she was married to Henry Wessel who was born June 19, 1886, at Hancock, Mich. To them were born six children, Leila Bernice, Carl Henry, Kenneth Lee, Herbert Bennette, Harold Eugene, and Leon Edwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Wessel live in San Bernardino, Calif., at 972 Sierra Way. He works in the A.T. & S.F. shops as air brake foreman.

I. Leila Bernice Wessel, daughter of Henry and Ethel Leila Couch Wessel was born Oct. 11, 1916 at Needles,



Calif. She was married to Lyle Jensen on April 12, 1940, at San Bernadino. They reside at 3264 Mt. View Ave., San Bernadino, Calif. She is employed at San Bernadino Air Force Depot. He is with Southern Calif. Gas Co. He was in the service for 3 years with the Engineers.

II. Carl Henry Wessel, son of Henry and Ethel Leila Couch Wessel was born Aug. 5, 1918 at San Bernadino, Calif. On April 18, 1941, he was married to Irene Graves at San Bernadino, Calif. To them was born one child, Linda Jean. They reside at 2781 Patterson Way, San Bernadino, Calif. He is an officer in the Citizens National Bank there. Had 3 years service in Finance Dept. during war and served in China and India and Grenier Field at Manchester, New Hampshire. He was with the Air Force.

1. Linda Jean Wessel was born Aug. 16, 1944.

III. Kenneth Lee Wessel, son of Henry and Ethel Wessel was born June 1, 1920, at San Bernadino, Calif. On April 3, 1943, he was married to Sara Frances King. To them was born one child, Kenneth Lee, Jr. They reside at 831 Campus Ave., Redlands, Calif. He is assistant manager of the J. C. Penny Co. in Redlands. He served almost 4 years in the Infantry. Was with Headquarters III Corps. Saw service in France, Belgium, and Germany under Gen. Patton.

1. Kenneth Lee Wessel, Jr. was born Jan. 30, 1944.

IV. Herbert Bennette Wessel, son of Henry and Ethel Wessel, was born Sept. 1, 1922, at San Bernadino, Calif. On Jan. 26, 1947, he was married to Onida Mae Poole. They reside at 764 11th Street, San Bernadino, Calif. He served 3 years with combat Infantry in Africa and Italy. Now employed by Rainbolt Commercial Refrigeration Co. of San Bernadino, Calif.

V. Harold Eugene Wessel, son of Henry and Ethel Wessel was born Mar. 26, 1928, at San Bernadino, Calif. He resides at 398 4th St., Perris, Calif. He is employed by the Citizens National Bank, Perrie Branch.

VI. Leon Edwin Wessel, son of Henry Wessel was born Jan. 27, 1930. Resides at home. Is employed by the A.T. & S.F. Railway Co.

## II. Lloyd Stalbert Couch.

Lloyd Stalbert Couch, second child of Eli B. Couch and Armilda C. Couch was born January 5, 1895, Siloam Springs, Benton County, Arkansas; married Lucille Elizabeth Bowline July 3, 1924, at Columbus, Kansas (born Huntsville, Arkansas, Madison County, March 30, 1904); in 1913 Lloyd went to Greenfield, Iowa, where he followed bridge construction until 1917, when he went to Adel, Iowa, and worked for his uncle, J. S. Fish, on the farm. On July 5, 1917, he volunteered his service in the U. S. A. Medical Department, U. S. General Hospital No. 26, Ft. Des Moines, Iowa, where he served until honorably discharged October 21, 1918; returned to Adel, Iowa, where he worked on a farm until March 1, 1919, returning to



Greenfield, Iowa, following bridge construction the remainder of the year. He returned to Siloam Springs, Arkansas, took an examination for Post Office clerk, and although making the highest grade, was not given regular appointment but placed on substitute list and remained there, working in the post office at Siloam Springs until January 25, 1924, when he was transferred to the substitute list of the R. P. O. and stationed at Texarkana, Arkansas. He worked as a substitute until May 1, 1930, when he was given a regular appointment in the Texarkana R. P. O. and is still employed in the same place. To this union no children have been born.

Lloyd and Lucille were divorced Jan. 19, 1948.

### **3. Carl Anderson Couch.**

Carl Anderson Couch, son of Eli B. and Armilda Catherine Couch, was born September 2nd, 1897, near Siloam Springs, Arkansas. On December 25, 1919 he was married to Mildred Effa Simpson near Gentry, Arkansas. To them were born two children: Maurine Lavonne and Donald Wilbur.

Mr. and Mrs. Couch left Arkansas for California in 1924. Mr. Couch is employed by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company as a Machinist. They live in San Bernadino, California.

I. Maurine Lavonne Couch, daughter of Carl Anderson and Mildred Effa Couch, was born February 4th, 1921 near Gentry, Arkansas. On December 12, 1941, in San Bernadino, California; she was married to Charles Heber Lyon who was born July 1, 1920, in Basalt, Idaho. Mr. and Mrs. Lyon live in San Bernadino, California. Mr. Lyon is employed by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company as a Machinist.

To them were born twin daughters, Judith Ilene and Joan Irene, on July 2nd, 1944.

II. Donald Wilbur Couch, son of Carl Anderson and Mildred Effa Couch, was born March 23, 1925 in San Bernadino, California. On February 28, 1944, he was married to Betty Jean Moore, who was born July 22nd, 1925 in Highland, California. To them was born a daughter, Lynn Suzanne, on February 15th, 1947.

Mr and Mrs. Couch live in San Bernadino, California, and he is employed as a Machinist at the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway.

He served two and one-half years in the United States Navy, and most of this time was spent in the South Pacific.

### **IV. Ernest Ray Couch.**

Ernest Ray Couch, son of Eli B. and Armilda Catherine Couch, was born Sept. 22, 1899, near Siloam Springs, Ark. On Feb. 5, 1919 he was married to Ida May Warren at Siloam Springs, Ark., who was born June 24, 1900, at Siloam Springs, Ark. To them were born seven children —Helen Ethel, Wilma Lois, Oneita May, Catherine Lee, Ray Junior, William Eli, and Betty Louise.

Mr. and Mrs. Couch live at Siloam Springs, Arkansas.



I. Helen Ethel Couch, daughter of Ernest Ray and Ida May Couch was born Jan. 8, 1921, near Siloam Springs, Ark. On Dec. 25, 1942, she was married to Carl Campbell at Tuscon, Arizona. To them was born one child Karen Joyce. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell live at 419 E. 109 St., Los Angeles, Calif. Carl Campbell is a sheet metal worker.

II. Karen Joyce Campbell was born Aug. 16, 1942.

III. Wilma Lois Couch, daughter of Ernest and Ida May Couch, was born Aug. 5, 1922, near Siloam Springs, Ark. She now lives in California.

IV. Oneita May Couch, daughter of Ernest Ray and Ida May Couch, was born July 17, 1924, near Siloam Springs, Ark. She was married to Walter F. McKnikht, on Nov. 5, 1944. They now live at Siloam Springs, Ark., where Walter works for the Pet Milk Co.

V. Catherine Lee Couch, daughter of Ernest Ray and Ida May Couch, was born July 10, 1926, near Siloam Springs, Ark. She is in training to be a home-ec. teacher in Siloam Springs this school year, and is living in Siloam Springs.

VI. Ray Junior Couch, son of Ernest Ray Couch, was born July 11, 1928, near Siloam Springs, Ark. He was married to Inez Bergthold on Dec. 7, 1947. He is working for the Pet Milk Co., and is living in Siloam Springs.

VII. William Eli Couch, son of Ernest and Ida Couch, was born July 13, 1930, near Siloam Springs, Ark. He is still in High School, will graduate in the spring of 1948.

VIII. Betty Louise Couch, daughter of Ernest Ray and Ida May Couch, was born Dec. 27, 1931, near Siloam Springs, Ark. Betty is also still in school.

#### V. Milton Ralph Couch.

Milton Ralph Couch, son of Eli B. and Armilda Catherine Couch, was born Aug. 31, 1901, near Siloam Springs, Ark. On Dec. 24, 1923, he was married to Eunice LaVauthn Atkins, who was born Mar. 7, 1903 in Pava, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Couch live on a farm near Gentry, Ark. Ralph farms and does carpenter work, also does electrical wiring.

IX. Roy Hubert Couch, son of Eli B. and Armilda Catherine Couch, was born Mar. 1, 1908, near Siloam Springs, Ark. On Feb. 25, 1934, he was married to Frances Eleanor Mitchael, who was born July 29, 1911, at Healing Springs, Ark. Roy Hubert Couch died Sept. 25, 1942, at Salem, Oregon.

#### 15. Henry Eddie Couch

Henry Eddie Couch was born Nov. 3, 1870 in Dallas Co., Iowa. On March 24, 1892, in Arkansas, he married Mary L. Howeston, who was born in Indiana. To them were born seven children—George L. Lenard J., Rufus H., Ruth E. Lyle G., Don C., and Dora H. Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Couch moved to Oklahoma from Arkansas in 1896. The country was new at that time, and they endured many hardships. They now live in Shawnee, Okla. Mr. and Mrs. Couch had the privilege of celebrating their golden wedding anniversary on March 24, 1942.



**I. George L. Couch.**

George L. Couch was born in Benton Co., Ark., on Nov. 22, 1894. On Jan. 18, 1918, he was married to Clara L. Beattles, who was born Dec. 9, 1897 in Okla. George L. served in World War I, and is now employed at Shawnee Armature Shop.

**II. Leonard J. Couch.**

Leonard J. Couch was born in Pottowattamie Co., Okla., on Sept. 7, 1898. He left for the Navy Camp at Norfolk, Va., on July 26, 1942. He was at Camp Allen, Camp Bradford, and in Oct. was sent to Gulf Port, Miss., and then he was sent to New Calidonia, then to Coral Sea. He is a First Class Carpenter, and served in 1st World War. After it was over he re-enlisted, making three years in the Navy.

**III. Rufus H. Couch.**

Rufus H. Couch was born in Pottawattamie Co., Okla., on Dec. 31, 1900. He was married to Lela L. Wilson, July 21, 1923. A son, Cecil L. Couch was born to them in Wichita, Kans., also a daughter, Norma Jean. Rufus and family returned to Shawnee, in July, 1925, where he was employed as a cook until July, 1926, at which time, he returned to the farm. Rufus H. Couch and his wife now reside west of Shawnee, Okla., where they are breeders of Duroc hogs.

I. Cecil L. Couch was born in Wichita, Kansas, on April 27, 1924. At the present time, he is in college at Panhandle A. & M.

II. Norma Jean Couch was born on Oct. 21, 1926. She is a teacher at Tribby, Oklahoma.

**IV. Ruth E. Couch.**

Ruth E. Couch was born in Pottawattamie Co., Okla., on June 24, 1903. On Oct. 16, 1920, she was married to Loren L. Watson, who was born near Shawnee. They moved to Shawnee on Jan. 22, 1943, where he was employed at Shawnee Milling Co. for three years, but now is employed at Natural Gas Co. To them were born three children—one who died in infancy, Kenneth R. Watson, and Olive.

I. An infant born July 29, 1921—died.

II. Kenneth R. Watson was born Feb. 26, 1923. He served in the army three years, was sent to Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

III. Olive Watson was born July 15, 1926.

**V. Lyle G. Couch.**

Lyle G. Couch was born March 26, 1906 at Shawnee, Okla. In the year of 1927 he was married to Inez M. Penny, who was born May 4, 1909 in Salem, Oregon. To them were born four children—Paul Hubert, Joe Edd, Betty Jane, and Luther Lyle. Lyle G. Couch is employed in a service station in Nampa, Idaho.

I. Paul Hubert Couch was born Feb. 1, 1928 in Shawnee, Okla. In Nampa, Idaho, he was married to Colleen Flamery. To them were born two sons, Donald Paul, and Richard Allen. They live in Grand Junction where



he is engaged in the Army Medical Corp.

I. Donald Paul Couch was born Sept. 28, 1946.

II. Richard Allen Couch was born Feb. 18, 1948.

III. Joe Edd Couch was born June 5, 1930 in Salem, Oregon.

IV. Betty Jane Couch was born May 29, 1932 in Salem, Oregon.

V. Luther Lyle Couch was born Nov. 27, 1935 in Shawnee, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle G. Couch lived at Bremerton, Wash., where Lyle spent several years at carpenter work. In 1927, they moved to Salem, Oregon, where he worked in a Paper Mill, and farmed. They moved to Shawnee, Okla., then moved to Meridian, Idaho, where he worked for Boise Valley Co-Op Co. In 1942, they moved to Bremerton, Wash., where he is employed by the Puget Sound Navy Yards as a copper smith.

#### VI. Don C. Couch.

Don C. Couch was born Nov. 8, 1908, at Shawnee, Okla. He was married to Maxine Vada Craig, on Nov. 3, 1934, who was born Aug. 1, 1914. He is engaged in Oil Fields at Linsborg, Kansas. To them were born four children—Mary Ellen, Donald Howard, Gerald Craig, and Patrice Maxine.

I. Mary Ellen Couch was born at Hays, Kansas, on Dec. 17, 1940.

II. Donald Howard Couch was born at Shawnee, Okla., May 24, 1938.

III. Gerald Craig Couch was born Aug. 5, 1944, at Walker, Kans.

IV. Patrice Maxine Couch was born March 17, 1947, at Ellenwood, Kans.

#### VII. Dora H. Couch.

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Dora H. Couch was born Sept. 12, 1910 near Shawnee, Okla. On Nov. 17, 1929, she was married to William A. Wiems who was born in Shawnee, Okla. To them was born one child, James Carl. Mr. and Mrs. Wiems live in Shawnee, Okla., where he works in a hospital.

I. James Carl Wiems was born Aug. 24, 1936.

#### 16. Charles Couch

Charles Couch was born Sept. 21, 1872 in Dallas Co., Iowa. On Oct. 18, 1890, at Siloam Springs, Ark., he married Edith Smith, who was born Dec. 9, 1874 near Defiance, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Couch moved to Santa Anna, California, in Nov. 1891. In Feb. 1894, they moved to Iowa where they lived until 1897. At this time, they moved to Arkansas, leaving there the same year for Oklahoma. Mr. Couch was hurt in the freight yards at Shawnee, Okla., and was taken to McAllister, Okla., where he died Nov. 26, 1900. Mrs. Couch lives in Hollywood, California.

#### I. Bethel Couch.

Bethel Couch was born Aug. 16, 1891 in Siloam Springs, Ark. On May 27, 1912, at Los Angeles, Calif., she married Earl T. Couch who was born Dec. 18, 1883 in Dexter, Iowa.



## **II. Iva May Couch.**

Iva May Couch was born Feb. 14, 1893 in Santa Anna, Calif. On May 30, 1914, she married Samuel Allen Moore at San Diego, Calif., who was born Sept. 2, 1888 in New Jersey, N. Y. Iva May Couch Moore died July 8, 1945 in Hollywood, Calif. To them were born two sons, Charles Allen, and Harvey Couch.

I. Charles Allen Moore was born April 1, 1916 at Dinuba, Calif. He was Mill Specialist at Paramount Studios. He was a Lt. in the U. S. Army and died Jan. 4, 1945 in the Battle of the Bulge.

II. Harvey Couch Moore was born May 7, 1918. On Sept. 24, 1938, in Los Angeles, Calif., he married Mary Elizabeth Ward, who was born in Kansas City, Kansas, on July 24, 1918. Mr. Moore is a fine tool expert at the Howard Hughes Experiment Station at Los Angeles, Calif. To them was born one child, Diane Louise.

1. Diane Louise Moore was born Jan 10, 1940 at Glendale, Calif.

## **III. Elva Couch.**

Elva Couch was born July 27, 1894 in Dallas Co. Iowa, and died Jan. 21, 1900.

## **IV. C. Earl Couch.**

C. Earl Couch was born Aug. 4, 1896 at Adel, Iowa. On June 9, 1919, he married Rosa Elizabeth Hammerli, who was born Feb. 1, 1896. Mr. Couch was with Universal Studios in the laboratory all his working years. To them were born four children, Margaret Rosa, C. Earl Jr., Donald Rae, and Marolyn Adel.

I. Margaret Rosa Couch was born May 22, 1921 in Hollywood, Calif. On May 6, 1940, she was married to Branson S. Hand at Hollywood, Calif., who was born Mar. 17, 1919. To them were born two children, Joanne Annett, and Gary Branson S.

1. Joanne Annett Hand was born Mar. 1, 1941 in Hollywood.

2. Gary Branson S. Hand, Jr., was born Sept. 9, 1946.

II. C. Earl Couch Jr., was born June 19, 1925, in Hollywood, Calif., and died Sept. 17, 1947 in Hollywood. He was a college student.

III. Donald Rae Couch was born July 20, 1926 in Hollywood, Calif. He is a U. S. Navy Dental Student.

IV. Marolyn Adel Couch was born Oct. 17, 1932 in Hollywood, California.

## **V. Glenn P. Couch.**

Glenn P. Couch was born May 30, 1895 in Siloam Springs, Ark. On June 10, 1916, in Los Angeles, Calif., he married Dorothy Marian Stephens, who was born June 6, 1899 in Jefferson, New Hampshire. Mr. Couch worked with the Universal Studios all his working years. To them was born one son, Glenn P.

I. Glenn P. Couch, Jr. was born May 2, 1917 in Los Angeles, Calif. He married Joyce Angel Mach, who was born Dec. 25, 1917 in Hollywood, Calif. To them was born one child, Glenn P. Couch III.



1. Glenn P. Couch III was born April 16, 1938.  
This union was broken and on June 23, 1944, at Quantico Va. he married Dorothy Day, who was born Nov. 16, 1919 in Jersey City, New Jersey. Both were in the U. S. Marine Service. Mr. Couch is cartoon artist with the Walt Disney Studios in Hollywood. To them were born two daughters, Andrea Adel, and Toni Dale.

1. Andrea Adel Couch was born May 23, 1945 in Hollywood.

2. Toni Dale Couch was born Feb. 2, 1947 in Hollywood.

#### **VI. Stella Agnes Couch.**

Stella Agnes Couch was born April 28, 1900 at Shawnee, Okla. She was married to Ben Wilson in Los Angeles, Calif. To them was born one child, Alice Bethel.

1. Alice Bethel Wilson was born March 21, 1918. On Aug. 12, 1936, she married Frank Harry Marshall in Los Angeles, Calif. Mr. Marshall was a Lt. in the U. S. Army. To them was born one son, Frank Harry Marshall, Jr.

1. Frank Harry Marshall, Jr., was born April 18, 1937, in Los Angeles, California.

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## II. JEREMIAH FRANKLIN COUCH

Jeremiah Franklin Couch, second son of Meshach and Elizabeth Mills Couch, was born Nov. 16, 1821, in Guilford Co., N. C. On June 10, 1842, he married Harriet L. Trotter, who was born Nov. 9, 1822. The marriage took place in Guilford Co., N. C.

To them was born one daughter, Mary Elizabeth.

### 1. Mary Elizabeth Couch.

Mary Elizabeth Couch was born Dec. 9, 1843, in Guilford Co., N. C. On Sept. 28, 1872, she married W. N. Conway in Henry Co., Ind. W. M. Conway was born Feb. 26, 1847. He died Jan. 10, 1898.

On Nov. 1, 1902, in Henry Co., Ind., she married D. B. Ridgeway, who was born Feb. 19, 1838.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Ridgeway live five miles north of New Castle, Indiana, where they are farming.

On Dec. 14, 1843, Mrs. J. Franklin Couch died.

On Oct. 20, 1847, in Guilford Co., N. C., J. Franklin Couch married Mrs. Julia A. Stack, who was born Nov. 8, 1821.

In the fall of 1847 J. F. Couch and his wife Julia, came from North Carolina by wagon to Wayne Co., Ind. He worked at the cooper's trade and farming. Here the children were all born with the exception of Marquis, the youngest. In 1860 they removed to Tipton Co., Ind., (some of the way had to be made with the ax.) Settling on the land he had entered from the government in 1852, pioneer life began in earnest. He worked on the farm during the day and made barrels and the children's boots and shoes at night. His wife spun, wove and made the wearing apparel for the family. "Fever and ague" was an every day occurrence and the quinine jar was as necessary as the sugar bowl and more often in use. Log rollings, wool pickings and house raisings were the social gatherings. He was interested in education and built a log school, 20 by 40 feet, on his farm. Here his own and his neighbors' children received a limited education. They were often lulled to sleep by the frog or the whip-poor-will. These were their graphophones while the telephone consisted of the old fashioned dinner horn or a rag on a pole. Instead of the Roman chair in the corner it was the blue dye kettle, "that we must not jar or it wouldn't make," and the jeans and linsy would not be a good color. And of course we "didn't jar". In going to church or market we were not worried about our automobiles exploding for our mode of travel was two big horses, "Beck and Kate", hitched to a good, solid hickory wagon, and when the wheels got dry and happened to "screech" they were oiled up with soft soap mother made from lye from ashes and grease from the hogs fattened on the "mast". Our vehicles were adapted to our roads. Instead of crushed stone or cement we had "crosslain"—that is, logs cut about 12 feet long and laid side by side with a little dust thrown on, and as these were sometimes afloat it took something teachable to understand how to cross



safely—an automobile is dull of comprehension.

To such courageous people as these we owe much for these beautiful homes which they helped to bring into existence. God bless them and may they rest in peace. May we honor their labors by doing the very best we can with present opportunities. (This sketch was written by Mary White Couch.)

Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Couch:

1. Thomas J., born Feb. 4, 1849.
2. Rufus D., born Feb. 20, 1852.
3. William Macy, born Nov. 8, 1855.
4. Mildred Ellen, born Nov. 8, 1855.
5. Alice, born Dec. 1859.
6. Marquis F., born Oct. 13, 1864.

#### **1. Thomas J. Couch**

Thos. J. Couch was born in Wayne Co., Ind., Feb. 4, 1849. On July 7, 1872, in Madison Co., Ind., he married Mary Jane Davis, who was born Dec. 14, 1853, in Rush Co., Ind.

To them were born two children: William F.; Lillian. William F. Couch was born Feb. 16, 1874. On July 12, 1900, he married Bess M. Underriner, who was born Feb. 6, 1882.

To them was born one son, Paul T., July 24, 1905.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Couch live at Windfall, Ind.

Lillian Couch was born Aug. 7, 1880. On Aug. 13, 1898, she married Wm. E. Goodwin, who was born June 26, 1870.

To them were born two children: Esther, born July 11, 1899; Commodore E., born Aug. 12, 1901.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin live near Elwood, Ind.

#### **2. Rufus D. Couch**

Rufus D. Couch was born near Dalton, Wayne Co., Ind., Feb. 20, 1852. On Sept. 2, 1874, at Noblesville, Ind., he married Fannie C. Smith, who was born July 17, 1851, at Lewisburg, W. Va.

Rufus D. Couch has been freight agent for the Lake Erie and Western RR. for more than forty years.

Mr. and Mrs. Couch live at 846 Middle Drive, Woodruff Place, Indianapolis, Ind.

#### **3. William Macy Couch**

William Macy Couch was born Nov. 8, 1855, in Wayne Co., Ind. On June 10, 1883, at Windfall, Ind., he married Mary V. White, who was born Nov. 2, 1858, at Windfall, Ind.

Mr Couch for twenty years was a teacher in the public schools. He also engaged in farming.

Mrs. Couch was formerly a teacher and now is an active minister in the Friends Church. She is more familiarly known as "Cousin Polly."

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Couch live at Windfall, Ind.



#### 4. Mildred Ellen Couch

Mildred Ellen Couch was born Nov. 8, 1855, in Wayne Co., Ind. On Oct. 2, 1884, at Windfall, Ind., she married Albert C. Weaver, who was born at Bentonville, Fayette Co., Ind., June 7, 1853.

To them was born one son: Clarence.

Clarence Weaver was born Nov. 19, 1885. On June 26, 1915, he married Sarah Irene Trimble, who was born Oct. 9, 1894.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Weaver live near Windfall, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Weaver live on a farm two and one-half miles east of Windfall, Ind.

#### 5. Alice Couch

Alice Couch was born in Dec., 1859, in Wayne Co., Ind., and died July 7, 1861.

#### 6. Marquis F. Couch

Marquis F. Couch was born at Windfall, Ind., Oct. 13, 1864. On Dec. 12, 1886, at Windfall, Ind., he married Emma E. Copher, who was born Aug. 18, 1869, at Windfall, Ind.

To them were born three children: Oscar C.; Jesse W.; Joel F.

Oscar G. Couch was born Dec. 25, 1888. On May 29, 1912, at Windfall, Ind., he married Inez Mitchell, who was born March 30, 1890, at Windfall, Ind.

To them was born one son, Hugh Roy, Sept. 28, 1913.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Couch live at Windfall, Ind.

Jesse W. Couch was born March 8, 1891. On Sept. 1, 1915, he married Minnie Ethel Clouser, who was born at Windfall, Ind., July 21, 1892.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Couch live at Windfall, Ind., where he is a school professor.

Joel F. Couch was born May 14, 1897.

Mr. and Mrs. Marquis F. Couch live two and one half miles east of Windfall, Ind. In addition to general farming he is a gunsmith and violin repairer.



Jeremiah Franklin Couch died June 13, 1898.  
Julia Stack Couch died Oct. 5, 1900.

Robert Allen Stack was the son of Allen Stack, the first husband of Julia A. Stack. His grandfather, Thos. Stack of North Carolina, married Sally Couch.

Robert A. Stack was born Oct. 30, 1843, in McMary Co., Tenn. On Jan. 9, 1868, he married Mary Catherine Laden at Windfall, Ind. She was born at Burlington, Feb. 18, 1847.

To them were born nine children: Allen; Nora; Cora; Ora; Oliver; Carl; Ernest; Earl; Ethel.

Allen Stack was born Dec. 2, 1868, died Feb. 14, 1872.

Nora Stack was born Oct. 3, 1871. On Sept. 21, 1895, she married Job Russell.

To them was born one child, Blanche, Nov. 29, 1897. Blanche Russell married Wm. McCorkle, March 10, 1915.

Cora Stack was born Nov. 28, 1874. On Dec. 14, 1901, she married Charles Rutherford.

To them were born six children: Carl, Oct. 28, 1902; Clyde, Feb. 6, 1905; George, Dec. 1, 1907; Mary, March 5, 1910; Garnell, March 6, 1912; Donald, Oct. 28, 1914.

Ora Stack was born Jan. 28, 1876. On Sept. 18, 1899, he married Sarah Mott.

To them was born one child, Wayne, March 22, 1901. On Dec. 8, 1902, Ora Stack married Anna Francis.

To them were born two children: Darsol, born Sept. 15, 1905; Leroy, May 17, 1907.

Both Sarah Mott Stack and Anna F. Stack deceased.

Oliver Stack was born Aug. 14, 1878. On Oct. 4, 1899, he married Vallie Rismiller.

To them were born four children: Edith, March 2, 1900; Mary, March 25, 1902; Otto, Nov. 19, 1905; Dorothy, Jan. 7, 1914.

Mrs. Vallie R. Stack died Jan 7, 1914.

Carl Stack was born March 28, 1881. On June 13, 1903, he married Ora Tyner.

To them were born four children: Inez, May 30, 1906; Sedwick, Nov. 13, 1909; Robert, March 31, 1913; Oren, June 7, 1916.

Ernest Stack was born May 12, 1883. On July 28, 1902, he married Pearl Marshall.

To them were born three children: Leo, March 5, 1903; Ada, Aug. 24, 1905; Eugene, April 19, 1911.

Earl Stack was born April 2, 1886. On Dec. 5, 1905, he married Myrtle Cox.

To them were born three children; Harold, Aug. 15, 1906; Vonda, Dec. 20, 1908; Buella, March 24, 1910.

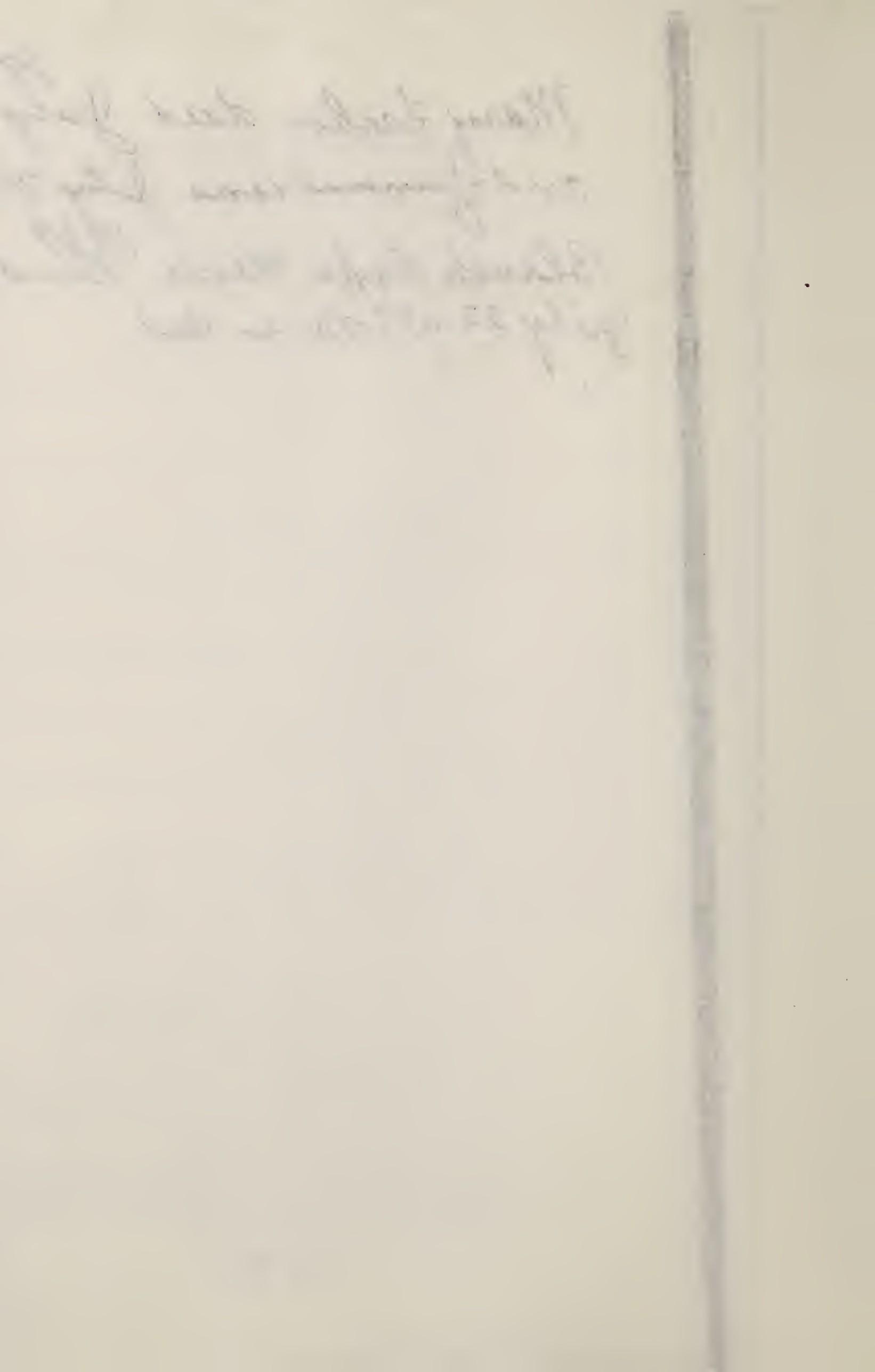
Ethel Stack was born May 12, 1888. On Oct. 6, 1909, she married Columbus C. Trimble.

To them were born three children: Lowell, July 14, 1910; Herschel, Sept. 4, 1912; Madonna, Aug., 1915.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allen Stack live on their farm three miles east of Windfall, Ind.



Mary Frakes died July 27,  
and funeral was July 28  
Blanche Frakes Maude <sup>1969</sup>  
Died July 23 at 4.00 am Cal



### III. CHARLOTTE COUCH

Charlotte Couch, third child of Meshach and Elizabeth Mills Couch, was born in Guilford Co., N. C., on March 30, 1824. On Dec. 31, 1845, she married John Gilbreath, who was born June 2, 1819, in Guilford Co., N. C. In the fall of 1848 they moved to Indiana. Their means of travel was a four horse team and wagon. One month was spent on this journey. They were in company with Meshach and Elizabeth Couch and their family with the exception of J. Anderson Couch, who moved later.

Nine children were born to this union:

1. Mary Elizabeth, born Nov. 1, 1846.
2. Nancy Jane, born May 9, 1848.
3. Thomas Franklin, born Jan. 13, 1850.
4. Meshach Oliver, born Sept. 30, 1851.
5. Milton Winfield, born Oct. 6, 1855.
6. Sarah Ann, born Jan. 21, 1859.
7. Julia Ellen, born Feb. 28, 1861.
8. Julius Edgar, born Feb. 28, 1861.
9. Robert Oscar, born March 23, 1863.

#### 1. Mary Elizabeth Gilbreath

Mary Elizabeth Gilbreath was born in Guilford Co., N. C., Nov. 1, 1846. On Jan. 30, 1868, near Knightstown, Ind., she married Eli Coon, who was born at Knightstown, Ind., March 16, 1843.

To them were born two children: Dallas F.; Christina E.

Dallas F. Coon was born Nov. 25, 1868. On July 13, 1892, he married Florence Martindale, who was born Sept. 28, 1875.

To them were born two children: Olive C., June 13, 1894; Vaisie C., born June 14, 1898, died Oct. 24, 1898.

Olive C. Coon married Fred Brackenridge May 29, 1914. He is a carpenter.

Florence M. Coon died Aug. 12, 1898.

In 1899 Dallas F. Coon married Carrie Bullen.

Christina E. Coon was born Sept. 1, 1870. On June 26, 1889, she married William Lester, who was born Aug. 31, 1863. He is a section foreman.

To them were born two children: Elizabeth, born Dec. 12, 1897, died Dec. 26, 1899; Clifford E. born March 26, 1901.

Eli Coon served three years in the Civil War, being discharged Sept. 19, 1868. Since 1867 he has worked for the P. C. C. and St. L. to the present time. He now has a pension and a pass for life for self and wife. He lives at Greenfield, Ind.

Mary Gilbreath Coon died March 9, 1915, at Knights-town, Ind.

#### 2. Nancy Jane Gilbreath

Nancy Jane Gilbreath was born in Fayette Co., Ind., May 9, 1848. On Sept. 24, 1867, at Knightstown, Ind., she married John Coon, who was born Jan. 22, 1841, at Knightstown, Ind.

the first time in the history of the world, the  
whole of the human race has been gathered  
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present meeting of the General Assembly.  
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To them were born two children: Della, born Aug. 1868, died Sept. 1, 1893; Mary V.

Mary V. Coon was born April 11, 1870. On Oct. 1904, she was married to Charles Glidewell.

To them were born two children: Robert O., born Jan. 18, 1906; William H., Nov. 4, 1908.

Mr. and Mrs. John Coon lived at Wilkinson, Ind. John Coon served in the Civil War, becoming a cripple for the remainder of his life. He died June 7, 1902. Mrs. John Coon died June 8, 1901.

### 3. Thomas Franklin Gilbreath

Thomas Franklin Gilbreath was born in Fayette Co., Ind., Jan. 13, 1850. In 1879 at Ogden, Ind., he married Juett Cooper, who was born at Ogden, Ind.

To them was born one daughter, Maude, Oct. 26, 1887. Juett Cooper Gilbreath died March 16, 1888.

On Nov. 16, 1890, Thos. F. Gilbreath was married at Spiceland, Ind., to Martha Goodenough, who was born at Liberty, Ind., on Aug. 1, 1848.

Thos. F. Gilbreath was a shoemaker in Greensborough, Ind., having worked at the trade continuously for more than thirty years. He died Nov. 29, 1913.

### Meshach Oliver Gilbreath

Meshach Oliver Gilbreath was born in Fayette Co., Ind., Sept. 30, 1851. On Aug. 26, 1884, at Warrington, Ind., he married Mary Catherine Olinger.

One daughter, Olive, was born to them.

Olive Gilbreath was born June 22, 1885. On Dec. 2, 1902, she married Ben Gard.

To them were born two children: Lola Beatrice, June 10, 1904; Dale, May 9, 1908.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gard are engaged in farming.

Mr. and Mrs. Meshach Oliver Gilbreath live on a farm near Warrington, Ind.

Meshach O. Gilbreath died May 27, 1912.

### 5. Milton Winfield Gilbreath

Milton Winfield Gilbreath was born in Randolph Co., Ind., Oct. 6, 1855. On April 29, 1882, near Warrington, Ind., he married Nancy L. Harlon, who was born in Hancock Co., Ind., on Dec. 29, 1859.

To them were born five children: Charles, born Feb. 15, 1883; Ida M., Jan. 22, 1886; Alice M., Jan. 1, 1891 twin boy and girl, May 10, 1901, died in infancy.

Charles Gilbreath married Minnie Broomfield Dec. 24, 1904.

One daughter was born to them: Cleo, Aug. 31, 1905.

Milton Gilbreath farmed in the early part of his life. He moved to Shirley, Ind., where he was city marshal. After two years of poor health he died Jan. 31, 1913.

Nancy L. Gilbreath died March 17, 1913.

### 6. Sarah Ann Gilbreath

Sarah Ann Gilbreath was born in Randolph Co., Ind., Jan. 21, 1859. On Nov. 30, 1876, at Ogden, Ind., she married M. L. Yates, who was born Feb. 28, 1848, in Guilford Co., N. C.



To them were born two children: Nellie F., born May 9, 1877, died Dec. 5, 1879; Russell G. Russell G. Yates was born July 25, 1890, and married Gladys Showalter Feb. 16, 1910.

To them were born two children: Albert Lee, Dec. 25, 1910; Marcella Mary, Jan. 14, 1912.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell G. Yates live at Honey Creek, Ind., where he has a washing machine factory.

M. L. Yates died April 29, 1908.

On Nov. 10, 1909, Sarah G. Yates married Monroe Miller at Honey Creek, Ind. He was born at Frankton, Ind., Oct. 22, 1855.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Miller live at Honey Creek, Ind.

### 7. Julia Ellen Gilbreath

Julia Ellen Gilbreath was born in Henry Co., Ind., Feb. 28, 1861. On Aug. 28, 1883, at Warrington, Ind., she married James Lafayette Tutorow, who was born in David Co., N. C., Jan. 18, 1859.

To them were born ten children: Logan S.; Ethel P.; Nellie F.; Marion; Florence S.; Beulah M.; Lester D.; Olen W.; Edgar P.; Edna P.

Logan S. Tutorow was born April 10, 1885. On March 3, 1913, he was married.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tutorow two children were born: Mary Ellen, Jan 18, 1914; Jeanette Ogilive, Oct. 1, 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Tutorow live on a farm.

Ethel P. Tutorow was born May 22, 1886. On July 1, 1903, she married Edward Chapman.

To them were born two children: Julia Katherine, March 1, 1905; Dorothia Mae, April 28, 1908.

Mr. and Mrs. Chapman live on a farm.

Nellie F. Tutorow was born Feb. 17, 1888. On Oct. 25, 1913, she married Charles Davis.

Marion O. Tutorow was born Jan. 14, 1890, and was married Oct. 14, 1915.

Mr. and Mrs. Tutorow live on a farm.

Florence S. Tutorow was born Jan. 24, 1893.

Beulah M. Tutorow was born Sept. 30, 1894. On June 4, 1915, she married Charles Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker live on a farm.

Lester D. Tutorow was born Nov. 27, 1897.

Olen W. Tutorow was born Nov. 23, 1899.

Edgar P. and Edna P. Tutorow were born May 13, 1901.

Mr. and Mrs. Tutorow have always lived on a farm. They live now in Hancock Co., near Wilkinson, Ind.

### Julius Edgar Gilbreath

Julius Edgar Gilbreath was born in Henry Co., Ind., Feb. 28, 1861, and died March 19, 1861.

### 9. Robert Oscar Gilbreath

Robert Oscar Gilbreath was born in Henry Co., Ind., March 23, 1863. On Aug. 28, 1889, in Hancock Co., Ind., he married Ella Hammack, who was born in Henry Co., Ind.



To them were born four children: Chester C., born Dec. 12, 1892; a child born Dec. 13, 1893, died Feb. 9, 1895; Lester C., born July 29, 1865; Gretchen Maria, born Dec. 10, 1910.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Gilbreath live on a farm near Mt. Summit, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gilbreath lived near Wilkinson, Ind. Charlotte Couch Gilbreath died June 25, 1896. John Gilbreath died July 25, 1896.



#### IV. MARY ELIZABETH COUCH

Mary Elizabeth Couch, fourth child of Meshach and Elizabeth Mills Couch, was born Dec. 28, 1827, in Guilford Co., N. C. With her parents and brothers and sisters she moved to Indiana where she lived until after her marriage. Then she moved to Kansas where she lived until her death. On Nov. 16, 1851, she married Thomas W. Gilbreath in Indiana. He was born in May, 1831. They lived in De Soto, Kansas.

To them were born six children:

1. William Cicero.
2. Hester Ann Elizabeth.
3. Jesse Meshach.
4. John Charles.
5. Ain Simeon.
6. Cyrus Edward.

##### **1. William Cicero Gilbreath**

William Cicero Gilbreath was born March 1, 1853. W. C. Gilbreath and his wife Silvia have two children: Ferna; James.

Ferna Gilbreath married Ora Malott.

To them were born six children: Albert; Carl; Lola Bessie; Harold; Beulah; Alfred.

James Gilbreath married Olive Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbreath and family live at Geary, Okla.

##### **2. Hester Ann Elizabeth Gilbreath**

Hester Ann Elizabeth Gilbreath was born June 16, 1854, and died Jan. 26, 1859.

##### **3. Jesse Meshach Gilbreath**

Jesse Meshach Gilbreath was born April 4, 1856.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. M. (Emma L.) Gilbreath were born five children: Charlie Franklin; Cora Belle; Albert Anderson; Mont Edward; John Henry.

All these children were born at De Soto, Kansas.

Charlie Franklin Gilbreath was born Sept. 2, 1883. On Sept. 15, 1907, he married Nellie Ross.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Gilbreath are engaged in farming in Kansas.

Cora Belle Gilbreath was born Aug. 2, 1887. On Aug. 5, 1903, she married Ernest Sylvester Belts.

To them were born four children: Emma Evelyn, May 8, 1904; Magdeline Mae, Sept. 8, 1906; George William, Feb. 26, 1909; Faye, Jan. 29, 1913.

Mr. and Mrs. Belts live on a farm in Kansas.

Albert Anderson Gilbreath was born Sept. 21, 1889. On Dec. 13, 1915, he married Alice Pearl Boyer.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Gilbreath are farming in Kansas.

Mont Edward Gilbreath was born Nov. 11, 1893. On June 9, 1915, he married Lydia Neola Ransom.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Gilbreath live on a farm in Kansas.

John Henry Gilbreath was born Feb. 14, 1898.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Meshach Gilbreath are living on a farm near De Soto in Johnson Co., Kansas.



**4. John Charles Gilbreath**

John Charles Gilbreath was born Aug. 20, 1857. He died June 8, 1858.

**5. Ain Simeon Gilbreath**

Ain Simeon Gilbreath was born July 11, 1859. He died May 11, 1893.

**6. Cyrus Edward Gilbreath**

Cyrus Edward Gilbreath was born March 10, 1861. To C. E. and Martha Gilbreath were born two children: William Henry Gilbreath, April 4, 1883; Mary Elizabeth, born April 2, 1885. She married Fritz Tuttle, who is a bridge builder.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Gilbreath are farming.

Thomas W. Gilbreath died Dec. 22, 1861.

Mary Couch Gilbreath married Bart Gardener in Kansas.

To them were born three children:

7. Henry Washington.

8. Oliver Clarkson.

9. Thaddius Orlando.

**7. Henry Washington Gardener.**

Henry W. Gardener was born Dec. 27, 1864.

**Oliver Clarkson Gardener**

Oliver Clarkson Gardener was born Feb. 27, 1867.

To Oliver C. Gardener and Mamie Gardener were born four children: a daughter dying in infancy; Earl, died at the age of four years; Maynard and Bernard were born Sept. 6, 1908.

**9. Thaddius Orlando Gardener**

Thaddius Orlando Gardener was born July 19, 1869.

To T. O. and Lou Gardener was born a daughter, Nina Belle, who died Dec. 25, 1901.

Mary Couch Gilbreath Gardener died July 23, 1900, near De Soto, Kansas, where she had lived for nearly fifty years.



## V. MESHACH I. COUCH

Meshach I. Couch, fifth child of Meshach and Elizabeth Mills Couch, was born in Guilford Co., N. C., Jan. 10, 1830.

On Nov. 13, 1852, near Dalton, Wayne Co., Ind., he married Hannah E. Wilson, who was born in Wayne Co., Ind., Aug. 26, 1835.

The first few years of the life of Meshach Couch were spent in North Carolina. In the fall of 1848, with his parents and brothers, and sisters, he moved to Indiana. He lived in Indiana until 1860 when he moved to Iowa. This journey was memorable in that it was just before the election to the presidency of Abraham Lincoln. All along the way, there was much excitement and cheering for Lincoln. Mr. and Mrs. Couch, with their children, came to Dallas County, Iowa. They lived near Dexter where Mr. Couch died July 7, 1873.

Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Meshach Couch: Joseph M., George W., Martha J., Zeruah E., Sarah Louisa, Jesse Lincoln, William W., Frank E., Arcada Belle, Jefferson Meshach.

### I. Joseph M. Couch

Joseph M. Couch was born in Randolph Co., Indiana, Mar. 10, 1855. On Jan. 6, 1881, at Guthrie Center, Iowa, he was married to Theresa Jarigan, who was born in Indiana on Sept. 23, 1858. To them were born four children, Custer C., Earl F., Mabel C., and Mildred.

During the first ten years of their married life, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Couch lived near Dexter, Iowa. Their residence during the following years was in and near Earlham, Iowa. They moved to California on account of the poor health of Joseph Couch, and he died at Stockton, California, May 26, 1914. Theresa Couch lived at Sattley, Calif., until 1922, when she moved to Los Angeles, Calif., where she died on Jan. 12, 1924.

I. Custer C. Couch, first child, was born near Dexter, Iowa, on Feb. 12, 1882. He was employed several years in the bank at Earlham. He moved from there to Sattley, Calif., where he engaged in ranching for several years. He died in Los Angeles, Calif., on Feb. 14, 1927.

II. Earl T. Couch, second child was born Dec. 18, 1883. On May 27, 1912, in Los Angeles, Calif., he married Bethel E. Couch who was born Aug. 16, 1861. Earl T. Couch engaged in ranching at Sattley, Calif., until 1927, then moved to Los Angeles, Calif., where he now lives. His marriage to Bethel E. Couch ended in divorce in 1921. He married Gretchen Palmatier, a native Pennsylvanian, on Dec. 24, 1930.

III. Mabel C. Couch, third child was born near Dexter, Iowa, on July 21, 1886. On Mar. 28, 1914, at Santa Maria, Calif., she married O. E. Brickley, who was born July 13, 1885. To them were born two children, Elanor Pauline, and Maxine Lenore. Mr. and Mrs. Brickley lived at Santa Maria, Calif., until 1946, when they moved to Eugene, Oregon, where they now reside.



1. Elanor Pauline Brickley was born Jan. 6, 1915. She was married to Walter H. Ford, a native of Indiana, Mar. 14, 1942. They live near Santa Maria, California.
2. Maxine Lenore Brickley was born Mar. 24, 1917 and died Mar. 15, 1941 in Santa Maria, California.

IV. Mildred M. Couch, fourth child, was born near Earlham, Iowa, on Nov. 11, 1893. On Oct. 16, 1915, at Dounieville, Calif., she married Lisle H. Bickford, who was born at Minburn, Iowa, on Feb. 5, 1894. In 1916 they moved to Los Angeles, Calif., where they lived until Mildred's death on Jan. 11, 1934.

**II. George W. Couch.**

George Washington Couch was born in Randolph Co., Ind., on Oct. 30, 1856. On Nov. 7, 1888, in Buchanan Co., Mo., he married Elva A. Hennen, who was born in Illinois on Oct. 8, 1859. To them were born two children, Berly, (died in infancy), born July 20, 1892, and Olive, born April 30, 1894. George W. Couch died at his home on Clover Hills, West Des Moines, formerly Valley Junction, Iowa, on Dec. 27, 1937. Elva A. Couch died at the Clover Hills home on Aug. 7, 1945.

Olive Couch at the present time is living in Des Moines, Iowa.

**III. Martha J. Couch.**

Martha J. Couch was born Jan. 14, 1859, died Mar. 15, 1861.

**IV. Zeruah E. Couch.**

Zeruah E. Couch was born near Adel, Iowa, Jan. 24, 1861, and died Nov. 14, 1874.



## V. SARAH LOUISE COUCH

Sarah Louise Couch was born near Dexter, Iowa, March 11, 1863. On March 29, 1883 at Dexter, Iowa, she was married to David A. Gamber, who was born at New Buffalo, Penn., on Jan. 4, 1858. To them was born one daughter, Lena M.

Mr. and Mrs. Gamber lived in Dallas County three years and then moved to Guthrie County for about eighteen years, then moved to a farm northeast of Redfield, Iowa in Dallas County.

In the fall of 1916 they moved to Redfield, Iowa, and lived until they both passed away.

They celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary very quietly in their home March 29, 1933.

Mrs. Gamber passed away January 14, 1935, at the age of 71 yrs., 10 mos., and 3 days. Mr. Gamber passed away February 25, 1938 being 80 yrs., 1 mo., and 21 days of age.

Lena M. Gamber was born at Dexter, Iowa, March 11, 1884. On January 25, 1905, at Dexter, Iowa, she was married to Philip Matz, who was born at Luthring, Germany, September 30, 1877. To them were born three children. Mr. and Mrs. Matz have always resided in and around the community of Redfield, Iowa.

DeForrest P. Matz, the eldest son of the Philip Matz's was born at Redfield, Iowa, March 6, 1905. On April 17, 1926, he was married to Elsie A. Greve of Marshalltown, Iowa, who was born March 13, 1906 at Gladbrook, Iowa. To them were born three children as follows:

Le Ann Bernadine, born May 2, 1928, at Nevada, Iowa. She was married to Herbert L. Langland of Marshalltown, Iowa on March 28, 1948.

Myrna Elaine, the eldest child, was born March 27, 1927, at Nevada, Iowa.

Faith Marie was born June 6, 1937 near Gladbrook, Iowa.

At the present time, Mr. and Mrs. Matz are living in Marshalltown, Iowa.

Ina Ruth Matz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Matz was born August 11, 1909, near Redfield, Iowa. On October 15, 1932, she was married to Phil G. Utter of Mason City, Iowa who was born at Rudd, Iowa, January 2, 1901. To them were born three children, as follows:

Robert Phil born August 1, 1933, at Mason City; Charles Allen, born November 4, 1939, at Mason City; and Jan Marie, born May 6, 1946, at Mason City.

Harold David Matz, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Matz was born October 8, 1920, at Redfield, Iowa. On July 21, 1937, he was married to Helen Faye Schafer of Minburn, Iowa, who was born June 11, 1919 at Des Moines, Iowa.

Harold entered the service February 2, 1943. He was sent from Jefferson Barracks, Mo., to Springfield, Mo., to the Cadet Training Detachment. He left this field as



a Cadet in the Army Air Corps and reported to the primary training base at Kelly Field, in San Antonio, Texas, July 25, 1943. Here he received his flying instructions.

On December 3, 1943, he was transferred to Bellville Illinois ,to one of the largest Radio Schools. Here he graduated with high honors in his class as a Heavy Bombardment Radio Operator Mechanic.

From June 26, 1944, until August 14, 1944, was spent at Yuma, Arizona, where he was instructed in Aerial Gunnery. After a 30 day furlough he returned to Lincoln, Nebraska, from which place he was sent to Alexandria, Louisiana, to the Overseas training unit base.

Here at Alexandria, he joined his crew on a B-17 Flying Fortress as a Radio Operator Gunner. They trained and flew together for two months and then were ready for overseas. They arrived at Lincoln, Nebraska, as their Port of Embarkation, on November 27, 1944.

The crew in their new Fortress, "Cathy" left for the European theatre of Operations on December 15, 1944, and arrived at their base near Norwich, England, on December 30, 1944.

Harold lost his life over France on the first heavy bombing mission over Hohenbudberg, Germany, on January 28, 1945, when their plane was hit by flak over enemy territory.

Harold's body is interred in the United States Military Cemetery in Margratten, Holland.

#### **VI. Jesse W. Lincoln Couch.**

Jesse W. Lincoln Couch was born near Dexter, Iowa, on May 2, 1865, and died Nov. 28, 1866.

#### **VII. William W. Couch.**

William W. Couch was born April 6, 1867, near Dexter, Iowa. He died May 16, 1892.

#### **VIII. Frank E. Couch.**

Frank E. Couch was born near Dexter, Iowa, on May 17, 1868, and died Nov. 29, 1911, at Los Angeles, California.

#### **IX. Arcada Belle Couch.**

Arcada Belle Couch was born near Dexter, Iowa, on June 26, 1870, and died Aug. 14, 1870.

#### **X. Jefferson M. Couch.**

Jefferson Meshach Couch was born near Dexter, Iowa, on May 21, 1872. On June 15, 1898, at Dexter, Iowa, he married Cora Percy, who was born at Minouk, Illinois, on Mar. 9, 1876. To them was born one son, Percy J. Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson M. Couch lived on a farm near Dexter, Iowa. Jefferson M. Couch died at his home on Feb. 24, 1935.

I. Jercy J. Couch was born Dec. 3, 1899. He was married to Calla Fritz of Dexter, Iowa, and to them was born one son, Leland M. Couch, on Sept. 19, 1923. Percy J. Couch and Ruth Knight of Des Moines, Iowa, were married on Aug. 31, 1940.

the time of the Second World War, and the first major assault on  
the traditional system of land ownership and inheritance in  
the country. The new law was designed to combat the  
problem of land concentration and to encourage more  
efficient agricultural production. It provided for the  
expropriation of land owned by individuals or families  
who had more than a certain amount of land, and for its  
distribution among smaller farmers. This was intended  
to help to increase the efficiency of agriculture and to  
reduce the number of landless workers. The law also  
provided for the establishment of a state-owned land bank  
which would be used to finance the purchase of land by  
small farmers. The law was passed in 1945 and has been  
modified several times since then. In 1952, for example,  
it was amended to allow for the expropriation of land  
owned by companies and cooperatives. In 1961, it was  
further modified to allow for the expropriation of land  
owned by foreign citizens. The law has been  
controversial, but it has had a significant impact on the  
agriculture of the country. It has helped to increase  
the efficiency of agriculture and to reduce the  
number of landless workers. It has also helped to  
reduce the concentration of land ownership and  
inheritance. However, it has also been criticized for  
being too heavy-handed and for not taking into  
account the needs of small farmers. It has also  
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1. Leland M. Couch enlisted in the Army Air Forces Nov. 11, 1942, and was retired from service June 30, 1945. Has since made his home with his father and family while attending Drake University. At the present time, Mrs. Jefferson Couch lives in Des Moines, Iowa with Percy J. Couch and family.

Hannah Wilson Couch married Wm. Jackson, Aug. 31, 1879, at Dexter, Iowa. He was born Oct. 7, 1830, in Randolph Co., Ind. They lived near Dexter. Hannah Couch Jackson died Sept. 23, 1908. Wm. Jackson died at Liberty Center, Ind., on Aug. 22, 1910.



## VI. MARIA E. COUCH

Maria Elizabeth Couch, sixth child of Meshach and Elizabeth Mills Couch, was born in Guilford Co., N. C., June 28, 1833. With her parents and brothers and sisters she made the trip from North Carolina to Indiana in 1848 with teams and wagons. On Dec. 27, 1854, in Indiana, she married William Lewis Macy, who was born Oct. 21, 1834. In the spring of 1855, with the family of W. L. Macy's father, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Macy came to Iowa. This was the time of the migrations west and many families were moving so that there were regular camping places along the way. In these camps many wagons would be stationed each night. Horse thieves were not uncommon and on this trip to Iowa the camp was invaded one night but by the careful watching of the men, who kept a fire blazing and their horses and wagons in the circle of light, they were able to prevent any thefts. A month was consumed in this journey. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Macy settled near Wiscotta. They lived in a double log house built with a chimney at either end. The family of Meshach Couch, coming to Iowa a few years later, lived in one end of this house. They lived here one year. Then they moved to a farm west of Adel and lived there until 1874. They then moved to Warren Co., Iowa, where they lived until 1876. From there they went to Arkansas, then to Oklahoma in 1901, and to Iowa in 1907. Then engaged in farming and milling during the active years of their married life. They have always been staunch members of the Society of Friends, but now are members of the Methodist Church since they do not live near a Friends church.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Macy live in Adel, Ia.

To them were born seven children:

1. Luna Meshach, born Dec. 27, 1855.
2. John Franklin, born May 4, 1858.
3. William Allen, born Nov. 1, 1859.
4. Mary Ruth, born Aug. 25, 1861.
5. Thomas Alva, born July 20, 1864.
6. Oliver Samuel, born Feb. 14, 1866.
7. Elizabeth Susanna, born April 17, 1872.

### 1. Luna M. Macy

Luna Meshach Macy was born on a farm six miles southeast of Redfield, Ia., Dec. 27, 1855. On Nov. 28, 1877, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer near Mitchell Mill in Adams Twp. in Dallas Co., he married Ann Eliza Spencer, who was born in Freeport, Ill., April 14, 1855. When eighteen years old L. M. Macy went into Mitchell's mill to learn the miller's trade. After marriage he lived there until 1885 when he took charge of the H. G. Van Meter mill near Do Soto, Ia. He stayed here until 1891 when he purchased an interest in the mill at Adel, Ia., increasing the capacity of this mill from 35 to 100 barrels in 1895. In 1900 he put in an electric light plant in connection with the mill. In 1903 he bought out all other



stock holders' interests. Then he took his two older sons into the business and increased the capacity of the light plant. The mill and electric light plant burned in Aug., 1914. A fire proof light plant was built the same year. At the present time the Adel electric light and power Co. furnishes light and power to the towns of Adel, Dallas Center, Van Meter, De Soto, Minburn and Waukee and to numerous farm lines in every direction from Adel.

To Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Macy were born five children: Clarence Spencer; Frederick Charles; Verne Thomas; Blanche Elizabeth; Harry Lewis.

Clarence Spencer Macy was born near Mitchell's Mill, Adams Twp., Dallas Co., Ia., March 20, 1879. On Sept. 8, 1904, near North Liberty, Ia., he married Iowa Madge Young, who was born near North Liberty, Ia., Jan. 8, 1884.

To them were born four children: Katherine Young, May 20, 1906; Robert Miller, March 17, 1908; Eleanor Blanche, Sept. 18, 1910; Marian Jean, Oct. 14, 1912.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Macy live at Adel where Clarence is associated in the electric light business with his father. Clarence Macy lived near Mitchell's Mill until 1885, at Van Meter's Mill until 1891 when he came to Adel, attended school at Adel, and graduated from High School in 1898. Attended State University and graduated from Electrical Engineering department in 1902. Had a branch feed store in Perry from 1902 to 1904. Came to Adel in March, 1904, after his father had dissolved partnership with Virgil Hancock. Since that time has been General Manager and Vice President of the Adel Electric Light and Power Co.

Frederick Charles Macy was born near Mitchell's Mill, Adams Twp., Dallas Co., July 15, 1881. On Oct. 3, 1904, at Adel, he married Lillian Vaughn, who was born Feb. 8, 1881, at Dexter, Iowa.

To them three children were born: Margaret Ann, born Sept. 30, 1905; Dorothy May, May 19, 1911; Richard Lewis, born March 14, 1913.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Macy live at Adel, Ia., where they have lived since their marriage. Fred Macy lived near Mitchell's Mill the first few years of his life and at Van Meter's mill until 1891 when he came to Adel where he attended the public schools. Later he took a business course in Des Moines. He is now a member of the Adel Electric Light and Power Co., acting as Treasurer and Supt. of Outside Construction.

Verne Thomas Macy was born near Mitchell's Mill, Adams Twp., Dallas Co., Ia., Jan. 20, 1884. He met his death from drowning in the river near Adel, Iowa, July 22, 1909.

Blanche Elizabeth Macy was born near De Soto, Ia., Oct. 15, 1886. On Feb. 24, 1910, at Adel, Ia., she married Russell Hoffman Luther, who was born Sept. 22, 1888, at Hooppole, Ill.



To them were born three children: Elizabeth Macy, born at Adel, Feb. 17, 1911; Carolyn Marie, born at Belle Plaine, Sept. 10, 1912; Jeanette Louise, born Aug. 5, 1916, at Adel, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Luther moved from Adel, Ia., to Belle Plaine, Ia., where Russell assumed the management of a brick and tile plant there. In 1912 they returned to Adel where Russell is a member of the Adel Electric Light and Power Co.

Harry Lewis Macy was born at Adel, Ia., Aug. 4, 1893. He is now a senior at Iowa State College at Ames where he is taking a course in electrical engineering.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Macy live at Adel, Iowa.

### 2. John F. Macy

John Franklin Macy was born May 4, 1858, in Dallas Co., Ia. On Jan. 14, 1885, he married Ella Mae Duckworth, who was born March 14, 1866, near Siloam Springs, Ark.

To them were born three children: Luna Erastus; Frank Alva; Charles Duckworth.

Luna Erastus Macy was born at Siloam Springs, Ark., Sept. 2, 1887. On Nov. 28, 1906, he married Mary Pearl Dickerson, who was born Jan. 30, 1891, at Murphy, Texas. They were married at Tecumseh, Okla.

To them were born two sons: James Arthur, June 16, 1909; John Woodrow, born July 22, 1916.

Frank Alva Macy was born at Siloam Springs, Ark., Sept. 14, 1889. He lives in Des Moines, Ia., where he is employed in the main offices of the Bell Telephone Co.

Charles Duckworth Macy was born at Siloam Springs, Ark., Oct. 10, 1892. On June 18, 1916, at Portersville, Calif., he married Susan McCabe.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Macy live at Los Angeles, Calif., where he is a minister in the Methodist church.

Ella Mae Macy died at Siloam Springs, Ark., Oct. 5, 1895.

John F. Macy died at Tecumseh, Okla., Feb. 26, 1907.

### 3. William Allen Macy

William Allen Macy was born in Dallas Co., Iowa, Nov. 1, 1859. On Nov. 12, 1882, at Mitchell's Mill, in Dallas Co., he married Hannah Mary Spencer, who was born at Freeport, Ill., March 20, 1857. W. A. Macy lived in Dallas Co., where he worked in the Mitchell mill and the Van Meter mill, until 1892, when he moved to Des Moines and engaged in the grocery business. In 1905 the family moved to California where they have been engaged in the dairy and fruit growing business.

To them three children were born: Bert Lewis; Maurice Spencer; Wilbur Allen.

Bert Lewis Macy was born in Dallas Co., Ia., Nov. 2, 1883. On Nov. 26, 1903, he married Pathena May Ackerman at Des Moines, Iowa.

To them one son was born: Robert Augustus, Aug. 29, 1904.



Bert L. Macy was drowned in Webber Lake, California, Aug. 3, 1908.

Maurice Spencer Macy was born in Dallas Co., Ia., July 12, 1889. He lives at Dinuba, Calif., where he is part owner in a planing mill.

Wilbur Allen Macy was born in Des Moines, Ia., Aug. 8, 1896. He lives with his parents at Tulare, Calif.

#### 4. Mary R. Macy

Mary Ruth Macy was born in Dallas Co., Ia., Aug. 25, 1861. She lives with her parents at Adel, Ia.

#### 5. Thomas Alva Macy

Thomas Alva Macy was born in Dallas Co., Ia., July 20, 1864. On Aug. 26, 1886, in Dallas Co., Ia., he married Mary Marsh, who was born at Adel, Ia., Jan. 24, 1868.

Eight children were born to them, two dying in infancy. Those living are: Mildred Ruth; Bess Salina; Louise; Helen; Phillip; Virgil.

Mildred Ruth Macy was born Aug. 29, 1887, at Adel, Ia. On May 21, 1907, at Santa Cruz, Calif., she married Arthur A. Jenkins, who was born at Oakdale, Calif., March 7, 1885.

Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins live on a farm near Tulare, Calif.

Bess Salina Macy was born Sept. 25, 1891. At Santa Cruz, Calif., she married Wilson J. Wallier, who was born in Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wallier live near Santa Cruz, Calif., on a ranch.

Louise Macy was born Nov. 29, 1893.

Helen Macy was born July 18, 1895.

Phillip Macy was born April 30, 1897.

Virgil Macy was born Sept. 25, 1903.

Thomas A. Macy is engaged in the express business in Santa Cruz, Calif.

#### 6. Oliver S. Macy

Oliver Samuel Macy was born in Dallas Co., Ia., Feb. 14, 1866. On Jan. 13, 1887, in Benton Co., Ark., he married Leenorah L. Souther, who was born in Benton Co., Ark., Feb. 2, 1866.

To them one daughter, Gillie E., was born April 11, 1888. On April 5, 1915, she married Wiley William Walker at Brady, Texas. He was born Sept. 23, 1887, in Brady, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Walker live at Brady, Texas, where Mr. Walker is in the cotton buying business and ranching.

Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Macy live at Brady, Texas, where O. S. Macy is in the wholesale and retail grain and coal business. He moved to Arkansas with his father in 1876. In 1890 he moved to Texas.

#### 7. Elizabeth Susannah Macy

Elizabeth Susannah Macy was born in Dallas Co., Ia., April 17, 1872, and died Sept. 17, 1874.

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## VII. NATHAN A. COUCH

Nathan A. Couch, youngest child of Meshach and Elizabeth Mills Couch, was born in Guilford Co., N. C., June 2, 1838. He was nine years of age when his parents moved from North Carolina to Indiana. He was reared on a farm in Randolph Co., Ind. On Aug. 10, 1856, at Huntsville, Ind., he married Melinda Jackson, a daughter of Samuel and Jemima Cox Jackson. She was born May 14, 1837, in Randolph Co., Ind. Five years after marriage Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Couch lived in Indiana. In 1861 they moved to Wisconsin and bought forty acres of land in Sauk Co. Here they lived until 1869 when they sold their land and started for Iowa in a special train consisting of two bobsleds drawn by four horses. He packed his household goods in one sled while the other sled carried the family. In this sled they lived and slept and cooked their meals, until after 11 days of struggle and hardships they reached their destination in Dallas Co., Ia., near Adel, where they made their home for two years. It was in 1870 that a great tide of immigration set out from Ohio, Indiana and Illinois and even farther east, for Kansas and Nebraska. The present Illinois Central RR. was completed this year from Ft. Dodge to Sioux City and emigrants settled along its route and commenced to build towns and develop the country. It was not long before Mr. Couch heard about the deep black soil and fertile prairies of the northwest and decided to investigate. In the fall of 1870 he came to Buena Vista Co. He built a house and returned to Dallas Co. to move his family to the new home. This was the spring of 1871. The country was then almost a wilderness, with billows of waving grass stretching almost as far as the eye could reach. Many discouragements were met and conquered until finally the efforts of these heroic pioneers were rewarded by good crops and continued prosperity.

Mr. Couch was a well built man of splendid physique. He was active and robust and retained his wonderful activity almost to the last. His wholesome life and exemplary habits were proof against the ravages of time and he successfully resisted the attacks of oncoming years. Age seemed to have little effect upon him. Mr. and Mrs. Couch were members of the Congregational Church and actively aided the work in every way. He took a live, keen interest in every good movement. On Aug. 10, 1906, Mr. and Mrs. Couch celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. The efforts put forth by relatives and friends of these splendid people on this occasion proved the love and respect which every one felt for them. Mr. Couch died Mar. 9, 1913. Mrs. Couch died May 9, 1922.

To Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Couch four children were born:

1. Samuel E., born July 13, 1858.
2. William F., born April 24, 1861.
3. Addy Ellsworth, born Feb. 17, 1863.
4. Mary Elizabeth, born Dec. 1, 1867.



### 1. Samuel E. Couch

Samuel E. Couch was born July 13, 1858, in Randolph Co., Indiana. On Dec. 22, 1880, at Newell, Ia., he married Sarah Ella Davis, who was born at Valton, Wis., Feb. 20, 1860.

To them were born three children: Homer J., born Sept. 29, 1881, died March 5, 1897; Leon E., born Oct. 19, 1883, died April 25, 1885; Alvan A., born April 14, 1896, now lives with his parents at Upland, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Couch live at Upland, Calif. The first few years of their married life they lived on a homestead in Holt Co., Neb. They returned to Iowa and bought an eighty acre farm three miles north of Newell. For several years they lived here, then moved to Newell where he was engaged in the harness business for a short time. He served as County Treasurer of Buena Vista Co. for nine years. They moved to Upland, California where they engaged in the citrus fruit business.

### 2. W. F. Couch

Wm. F. Couch was born in Randolph Co., Ind., April 24, 1861. On Sept. 18, 1881, at Newell, Ia., he married Lizzie B. Waterman, who was born in Ogle Co., Illinois, on Dec. 22, 1859.

To them were born three children: Ava Bernice; Harry M.; Jay W.

Ava Bernice Couch was born at Newell, Iowa, Aug. 15, 1882. On Oct. 3, 1906, at Marathon, Ia., she married Bert D. Potter, who was born at Little Rock, Ill., April 25, 1877.

To them were born two children: Donald B., born at Spencer, Ia., Dec. 2, 1907. Elizabeth M., born at Marathon, Ia., Oct. 23, 1910.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert D. Potter live near Marathon, Ia.

Harry M. Couch was born at Newell, Ia., March 1, 1884. On Nov. 28, 1906, at Marathon, Ia., he married Singe Erickson, who was born March 23, 1887, at Aurelia, Ia.

To them were born three children: Thelma Marie, born at Spencer, Ia., July 28, 1908; William F., born at Marathon, Ia., April 1, 1913; Lloyd Eldon, born at Milford, Ia., June 11, 1916.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Couch live at Milford, Ia., where he is engaged in the real estate business.

Jay W. Couch was born at Marathon, Ia., March 16, 1892. On March 20, 1912, at Marathon, Ia., he married Fannie B. Campbell, who was born April 6, 1893, at Marathon, Ia.

To them was born one child: Corine Beth, Sept. 21, 1913.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay W. Couch live at Marathon, Ia., where Jay is engaged in the real estate business with his father.

The early part of the life of W. F. Couch was devoted to farming. He learned the blacksmith and wagon mak-



ing trade following this about ten years. Then he was in the hardware and implement business for four or five years. For the last years he has been in the real estate business. Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Couch moved to Marathon Oct. 13, 1890, where they now live.

### 3. ADDY E. COUCH

Addy E. Couch, was born in Valton, Wis., on Feb. 17, 1863. On Mar. 8, 1887, at Spencer, Iowa, he married Laura Pickering, who was born at New Sharon, Iowa on April 7, 1867. To them was born one son: Loys E. Couch.

Laura P. Couch died March 12, 1888. On March 17, 1889, Addy E. Couch married Delia Hutchens, who was born at North Herr, Vt., on June 12, 1864. To them were born two children, Ora Belle, and Samuel R. During the first few years of his married life, Addy E. Couch was engaged in farming, later doing carpenter work, living in Newell, Iowa. Addy E. Couch died Aug. 24, 1925, and his wife, Delia, died Jan. 10, 1942. Both are buried at Newell, Ia.

#### I. Loys E. Couch.

Loys E. Couch, was born March 1, 1888. On Nov. 1, 1915, at Newell, Iowa, he married Laura Nelson, who was born at Newell on April 11, 1894. Loys E. Couch died Dec. 22, 1945. His widow, Laura, is assistant post mistress at Newell, Iowa.

#### II. Ora Belle Couch.

Ora Belle Couch was born April 18, 1890. On June 27, 1917, she married Prospro L. Rowen, who was born Feb. 16, 1893 at Pocahontas, Ark. Mr. Rowen has been depot agent for the Illinois Central R. R. at Newell, Iowa for 23 years. To them were born 4 children: Prospro Addie, Bruce Nathan, Delia Jane, and Loys Dwights.

I. Prospro Addie, born April 14, 1918, at Newell, Iowa, died on Aug. 31, 1922.

II. Bruce Nathan Rowen was born June 2, 1921, at Fonda, Iowa. He was married to Pauline Johnson of Albert City, Iowa, on June 5, 1943. She was born June 25, 1921. Bruce Nathan served in the U. S. Army R. R. Division for 2 years. 12 months spent in the Philippine Islands and Korea. To them was born one son, Bruce Nathan, Jr. At present Nathan is employed as depot agent on the Illinois Central R. R. at Rock Rapids, Iowa.

1. Bruce Nathan Rowen, Jr. was born April 2, 1947.

III. Delia Jane Rowen was born Sept. 5, 1923, at Newell, Iowa. Was married to Rothe Witter on Oct. 26, 1940. He was born May 8, 1919 at Newell, Iowa. He served 17 months in the U. S. Army Signal Corps. To them were born two children, David M. and James P. Rothe Witter at present is employed by the Windcharger co-op. at Sioux City as draftsman.



1. David M. Rowen born Mar. 2, 1943.
2. James P. Rowen born Mar. 19, 1945.

IV. Loys Dwight Rowen was born Nov. 23, 1925 at Newell, Iowa. He was married to Marjorie Martin of Central City, Neb., on Aug. 17, 1947. She was born at Central City, Neb., on Feb. 16, 1927. They live at Lemars, Iowa. Both are telegraph operators on the Illinois Central R. R., Loys at Wren, Iowa, and Marjorie at LeMars, and Cherokee, Iowa.

**III. Samuel R. Couch.**

Samuel R. Couch was born Feb. 22, 1892 at Newell, Iowa, and married Elsie M. Bown of Newell, Iowa, on Dec. 17, 1919. She was born Feb. 12, 1893. They live at Sioux City where he is employed as Mortician at the Parasso Bros. Funeral Home. To them was born one daughter, Alice Marylin.

I. Alice Marylin was born at Newell, Iowa, on Sept. 1, 1921. On April 3, 1943, she married Jack Colbert of Sioux City. He was born Sept. 7, 1917. To them was born one daughter, Maureen Alice. Jack Colbert is a stock buyer for Armour and Co., in Sioux City, Iowa.

1. Maureen Alice Colbert was born Aug. 29, 1944.

**4. Mary Elizabeth Couch**

Mary Elizabeth Couch was born at Ironton, Wis., Dec. 1, 1867. On Dec. 7, 1884, at Newell, Ia., she married Hiram Waterman, who was born at New Milford, Ill., Jan. 30, 1861. To them were born two children: Wilbur Lloyd; Russell Rufus.

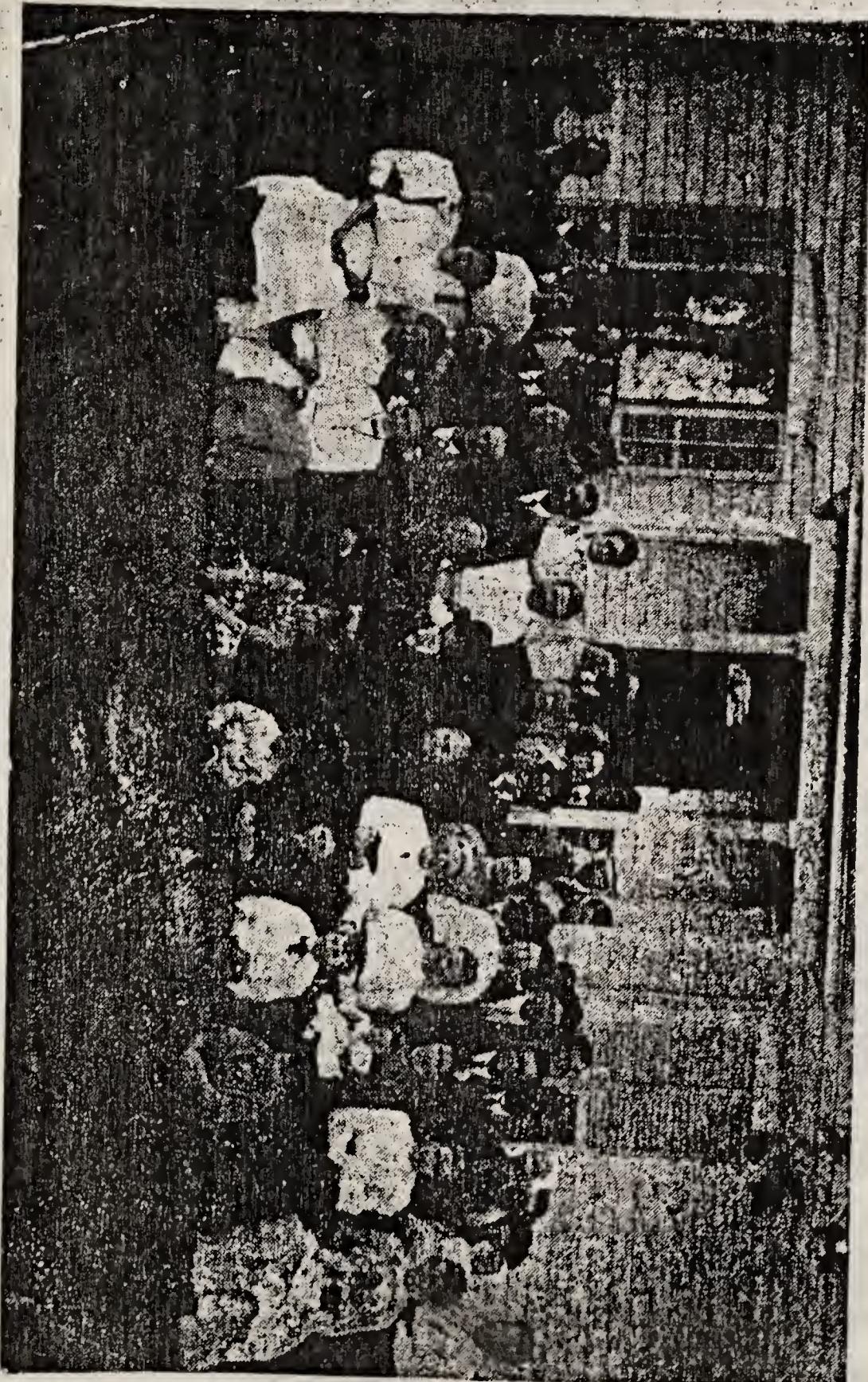
Wilbur Lloyd Waterman was born at Newell, Ia., Nov. 26, 1885. On Dec. 7, 1908, at San Bernardino, Calif., he married Bertha Seeman, who was born at Kilbourn, Ia., August. 18, 1889. To them was born one child: Margaret Mary, Jan. 5, 1911.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Waterman live at Upland, Calif.

Russell R. Waterman was born at Newell, Ia., Oct. 2, 1889. On Aug. 18, 1910, at Los Angeles, Calif., he married Elizabeth Sheetzer, who was born Nov. 6, 1889, at Boston, Mass. To them was born one child, Arthur R., Feb. 24, 1911. Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Waterman live at Upland, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Waterman lived on a farm near Newell until a few years ago, when they moved to Upland, Calif. Where they are engaged in the citrus fruit business.



Couch Family Picnic In 1909



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## The Family Reunion.

It was during a visit of the members of the N. A. Couch family in 1909 that Mr. and Mrs. Milton Couch living near Adel invited their kith and kin to join in a family picnic at their home. A number were present and the day of visiting together was so enjoyable that the plan of holding an annual family reunion was discussed, having been suggested by Mabel Couch Lee. No one in the whole family enjoyed this holiday more than she did, although this pleasure was denied her all too soon. The date was set for Oct. 1, 1910. In 1910 it was planned to hold the picnic on the river near the old Mitchell Mill site. As the day approached the place was changed and the first reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Couch. A permanent organization was perfected at this time when J. C. Couch was elected president, which office he has since held.

The reunion the following year was held with Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Fish. At this meeting a letter was read from Rufus D. Couch, who lives in Indianapolis, Ind. He suggested the compilation of a family record. A committee was appointed to have blanks printed and sent to the head of the various families, the material to be used for the record. One member of each branch has since that time collected the material for his own family and so the work was started. Don E. Fish was secretary at this time and most of the work fell to him. He must have credit for all the preliminary work, which took much time and patience. A less energetic secretary would have become discouraged.

The 1912 reunion was held with Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Macy at Adel. In 1913 we met with Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Couch. The death of N. A. Couch of Newell in March of this year cast its shadow over this meeting. Every one missed his cheery enthusiasm and hearty good nature which was always felt in his presence. He had been a great inspiration of the idea of a family reunion and he had thoroughly enjoyed this gathering when he had been permitted to attend. To make it a permanent organization and meet from year to year seemed to him a splendid plan.

The 1914 reunion was held in Adel at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Couch and in 1915 with George W. Couch near Earlham.

In 1916 we met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Gamber near Redfield. Although the day threatened rain, eighty-three members of the family were present, the largest number yet recorded. It was decided at this meeting to have the family record published.

The reunions thus far have been held near Adel since the greater number of the family live in Dallas County. They appreciate the visits of those from a distance who come from year to year.



Some notable features were in evidence at the 1916 gathering. It is remembered that in 1910 only one family went by automobile to the reunion. This year there was not one horse drawn vehicle on the ground but this crowd of eighty-three people was whisked along through a drizzling rain in automobiles, not caring for threatening weather when curtains are so easily adjusted and chains are in the tonneau.

We had two especially honored guests. Mrs. Maria E. Couch Macy, the oldest living member of the family, eighty-three years old in June, enjoyed the day quite as much as any one present. Then our newest Dallas County Couch was there too, Helen Katherine Eakle, born April 28, 1916.

This annual holiday is a red letter day on our calendar. The loyal spirit which prompts so many to be present attests the faith each one has in family ties.

#### Comments by the Committee

Truly, this history of the Couch family presents a cross section of midwestern life. It is an authentic and interesting version of American history. From the time the early members of the family left the Carolinas on their westward trek; through Indiana, then to Iowa, and on to points south, west, and north; the history of the Couch's has in it all the romantic adventures that were pioneer America. So look between the lines, dear reader, and you will find adventure, heart-break, daring, perseverance, sorrow, joy, achievement—all the stuff that life is made of, and to a degree that puts fiction to shame.

In the generation and a half since the first history was published, the present members of this large family have scattered far and wide. It has been impossible to bring the history up-to-date for many of the family's branches. However, all dates have been added that could be obtained, and a special effort has been made to bring the history of the Joseph Anderson Couch branch up-to-date.

The committee regrets that there is so much incomplete in this version of the Couch History, but this will have to suffice, and we hope that the next generation will see fit to continue this family history.

The reunion is still held regularly at Adel, Iowa, on the first Sunday of June, of each year.

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